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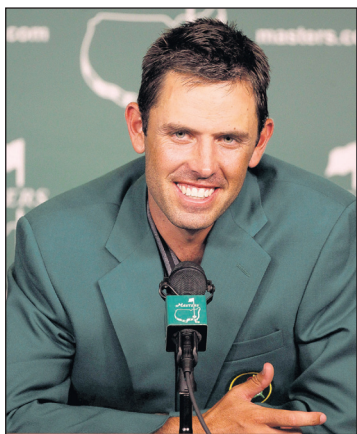
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Charl Schwartzel of South Africa speaks to reporters after winning the Masters golf tournament Sunday, April 10, 2011, in Augusta, Ga.

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A decisive first 100 days



Gov.-elect of Florida
Rick Scott.

By MICHAEL BENDER
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TALLAHASSEE - Smiling and a bit out of breath, Gov. Rick Scott posed for pictures after finishing a mile-long run to raise awareness for Special Olympics. Any goodwill from the gesture, however, washed away hours later when he signed an executive order cutting state spending for the care of disabled Floridians by as much as 40 percent.

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STARS & STRIPES & FLAMES



Supporters of Muqtada al-Sadr burn American flags while participating in protests at Mustansiriya University Square in Baghdad. Tens of thousands of protesters allied with al-Sadr, the radical anti-American Shiite cleric, participated in an annual demonstration against the American invasion held each year on the anniversary of the fall of Baghdad in 2003.

(Ayman Oghanna/The New York Times)

Iraqis protest U.S. military

By TIM ARANGO

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BAGHDAD - A day after Defense Secretary Robert Gates suggested that American troops could remain here for years, tens of thousands of protesters allied with Muqtada al-Sadr, the radical anti-American Shiite cleric, flooded the streets demanding an end to the American military presence.

The protests were scheduled before Gates' comments - made on Friday during a visit to troops in northern Iraq - although his statements may have fueled some of the day's fervor. The protesters were whipped

up by comments drafted by al-Sadr, who is continuing his religious studies in Iran but who sent a message to the crowd threatening to reconstitute his militia, the Mahdi Army, if the American military did not leave this year.

"The first thing we will do is escalate the military resistance activity and reactivate the Mahdi Army in a new statement which will be published later," al-Sadr's representative, Salah al-Obaidi, told the crowd. "Second is to escalate the peaceful and public resistance through sit-ins."

A demonstration against the

American invasion is held each April 9, the anniversary of the fall of Baghdad in 2003 and the date when Iraqis, with the help of American Marines, pulled down a statue of the dictator Saddam Hussein in Firdos Square in Baghdad.

Posters that proclaimed "Down with America" were distributed to the crowds, and some people burned American flags and chanted slogans like "Get out! Get out! America the great devil!" Others spoke of their "religious duty" to "expel the occupier."

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100 days

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The dichotomy embodies the unusual leadership style that has colored Scott's first 100 days in office, a symbolic marker he'll cross Thursday.

On one hand, Scott is doing exactly what he promised, setting a decidedly more conservative tone in Tallahassee and using his status as a political outsider to push an aggressively pro-business, job-creating agenda.

But even Scott's analysis of his short time in office is peppered with contradictions: He's awed by how fast the days fly by, but he's surprised by how long it takes to massage massive changes through the Legislature.

"You learn in this job there's so many things that you didn't deal with as a private citizen much," said Scott, a hospital executive and in-

vestor before running his first campaign last year.

The start has been as eventful as any governor's in recent history.

But Scott has not executed on the big ideas as quickly or as smoothly as his predecessors, the result of a political neophyte still searching for his legs.

His most notable feat is derailing the state's \$2.4 billion high-speed rail project as another "federal boondoggle."

Scott or his administration has inspired at least four lawsuits, including one challenging his authority in the rail decision. (The state Supreme Court ruled in his favor.)

"It has been Mr. Toad's Wild Ride, hasn't it?" said Sen. Ronda Storms, R-Tampa, comparing Scott's first three months with the old Magic Kingdom ride known for jerky last-second turns that narrowly avoided a collision between oncoming cars. □

Iraqis protest

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But the event – an annual rite of the Shiite underclass loyal to al-Sadr – took on more political importance this year because it came amid the debate here and in Washington about whether American troops will leave on schedule by the end of the year or stay on in some capacity.

The departure date was set by a security agreement that binds both countries.

"We want them to get out of the country," said Sheik Ahmed al-Hasnawi, one of the event's organizers. "It's the last year for them."

Ali Husain, a high school student, said, "We came from southern Iraq yesterday evening at the invitation of Muqtada al-Sadr. We will expel the occupier."

Similar protests, although drawing much smaller numbers, took place in Sunni districts. On Friday after prayers, demonstrators in Azamiyah, a Sunni stronghold in Baghdad,

chanted, "Leave, leave, occupier!" And a few hundred people demonstrated Saturday against the Americans in Ramadi, in Sunni-dominated Anbar province.

Under the terms of the security agreement, the Iraqi government would have to ask the United States to stay on. But any such request would be politically complicated for Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki because of al-Sadr's influence.

Al-Sadr's Mahdi Army twice fought pitched battles with American forces, in Sadr City, the vast Shiite slum in Baghdad in 2008, and in the holy city of Najaf in 2004.

But he has since laid down his arms and joined the political process. In last year's election, candidates loyal to him won nearly 40 seats in Parliament, and al-Maliki largely owes his second term as prime minister to al-Sadr's support. Even Parliament members from al-Sadr's party support a return to armed revolt if their demands for the Americans to leave are not met.

"Military resistance is the motto of the Sadrist movement against the occupiers, which was adopted after 2003," Rafi Abed al-Jabar, a Sadrist member of Parliament, said in an interview. "The occupier has to get out of Iraq at the date submitted in the agreement."

Al-Sadr's ability to galvanize his followers to fill the streets – on vivid display Saturday – is part of his power over al-Maliki, who has recently faced anti-government protests modeled after those in Tunisia and Egypt.

But the demonstrations have not yet led to a powerful national movement, largely because loyalists to al-Sadr, who has said that the government should be given time to address the country's needs, have stayed away. If al-Sadr changed his mind, and al-Sadr supporters began protesting against the government, it would be a serious challenge to al-Maliki's authority.

Even Saturday, some protesters were chanting, "Liar, liar, Nouri al-Maliki!" □



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Gallon of gas jumps to \$3.76



A gas nozzle is used to pump petrol at a station in New York. Oil prices rose to their highest in 2-1/2 years on Tuesday as investors worried that the revolt in Libya could spread to top Middle East producers, as companies suspended operations and ports were disrupted.

By Jonathan Stempe
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The average price for a gallon of gasoline in the United States has moved closer to \$4, jumping more than 19 cents since mid-March to a level less than 10 percent below its all-time high, a widely followed survey said on Sunday. The Lundberg Survey said the national average price of self-serve, regular unleaded gas was \$3.765 on Friday, up from \$3.573 on March 18, and up 91.3 cents from \$2.852 a year ago.

Prices in several western U.S. cities are already above \$4 per gallon, led by San Francisco at \$4.13. Chicago was close behind at \$4.11 a gallon, the survey said.

The national average would have been higher had refiners and retailers not resisted passing on rising crude oil prices as customers grow less willing to pay what it takes to fill their gas tanks, analyst Trilby Lundberg said in an interview. "Demand has been falling at these prices," she said.

The record high average pump price is \$4.112 set on July 11,

2008. Lundberg tracks roughly 2,500 gas stations.

Crude oil prices are higher amid unrest in Libya and elsewhere in the Middle East, as well as a weaker U.S. dollar, which on Friday fell to a 15-month low against the euro.

A falling dollar often lifts dollar-denominated commodities such as oil.

This is because some investors use commodities as an inflation hedge, and consumers who use other currencies may view the commodities as cheap and buy more, driving up prices.

U.S. crude settled Friday at \$112.79 per barrel, after earlier reaching its highest intraday price since September 2008. ICE Brent crude settled at \$126.65 per barrel, the highest settlement since July 2008.

Even if crude prices do not change, Lundberg said pump prices could rise another dime per gallon as earlier increases work their way into the retail market.

"One gets a little bit depressed talking about it, but we are getting closer" to a \$4 per gallon average, though "there is no telling" when or whether it will occur, Lundberg said. □

Men in heels march for anti-rape message

By RACHEL D'ORO
Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — A few dozen men seeking to raise awareness for sexual assault violence against women tried to walk a mile in their shoes Friday literally.

Among the participants some burly and others bearded in the fourth annual "Walk a Mile in her Shoes" event at the University of Alaska Anchorage was the head of Alaska State Troopers, Col. Keith Mallard, who slipped out of one of his red suede peep-toe shoes during the walk.

"I had a blowout," Mallard said sheepishly. "It didn't hinder my progress any. I just had to pull to the side and get a tire change." The men teetered precariously along the mile-long route, trying to raise money for a local nonprofit that supports sexual assault



James Jordan, right, and other men model their high heel shoes before marching against sexual violence against women in Anchorage, Alaska.

victims. Donations to Standing Together Against Rape will go toward banishing sexual assaults and other acts of violence against women. The men were game, even if it meant nearly tripping over their own stilettos.

Vashon Hilliard, whose work involves helping the disabled, stuffed his feet into a colleague's black patent leather pumps. The shoes were a snug fit, but Hilliard didn't let that stop him. "I just decided it's for a great cause, and why not?" he said. "Men want to make a public statement that they detest sexual violence," said Keeley Olson, STAR's program manager. "A lot of them have told me that they walk for their sisters, they walk for their mothers, they walk for their daughters. They walk because they care about women." Amusement factor aside, the underlying message was serious. Signs with messages including "No Means No!", "Got Consent???", "Shatter the Silence," and "Alaskans Can End Sexual Violence" bobbed along in the hands of participants. □

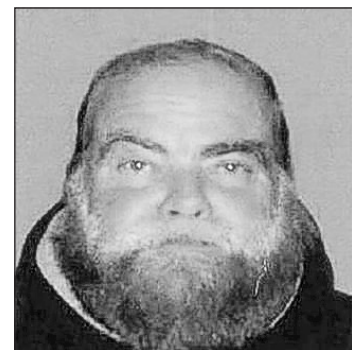
Near Santa Monica

Police seek suspect in synagogue blast

LOS ANGELES — A blast outside a Los Angeles-area synagogue this week was caused by an explosive device and police on Saturday were looking for a suspect, authorities said. The explosion on Thursday near the Chabad House in the Los Angeles suburb of Santa Monica injured no one and was blamed by police that day on a mechanical failure.

The blast sent a pipe hurtling through the air and crashing onto an apartment building next to the synagogue.

Santa Monica police said in a statement late on Friday that they were looking for a transient suspect named Ron Hirsch in connection with the blast. In the course of examining the scene, investigators determined the blast was ac-



Transient Ron Hirsch, who also goes by the name Israel Fisher, is shown in this photograph from the Santa Monica Police department released.

tually caused by an explosive device, police said.

Police gave no details on how the device was constructed, but they said items found in and around the mechanism were linked to Hirsch, who also goes by the name Israel Fisher. □

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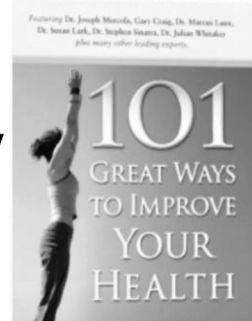
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In Utah

Summer vacations may test new airport hopes



St. George Mayor Dan McArthur

By James Nelson
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — The skies are opening up in southern Utah as a new \$159 million regional airport is in service and air travelers now have daily flights from Los Angeles when planning their travel.

The airport for St. George,

300 miles south of Salt Lake City and 120 miles northwest of Las Vegas, boasts a 9,300 foot runway five times longer than the old airport runway.

Airport officials say the facility can handle commercial jet airliners and business jets on the 1,200 acre site.

"This is going to be the economic engine that drives us.

It will bring the types of businesses and jobs that we need," St. George Mayor Dan McArthur said in an interview with AP.

Daily flights to Los Angeles from the airport, which had a grand opening in January, started in March, and there is a possibility of expanding service to Denver and Phoenix, officials said. City leaders see the airport as important to economic and business growth in St. George, which has a population of more than 70,000, and the region near the intersection of the Utah, Nevada and Arizona borders. "We've already seen significant activity generated by the new facility," said Scott Hirschi, director of the Washington County Economic Development Council. □



Forest Service Alan Craft.

In Texas

Firefighters struggle to contain massive wildfire

By Elliott Blackburn
Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas — Firefighters from across the country expected no help from the weather on Saturday as they battled a remote, fast-moving 61,000-acre blaze in Texas. A huge, dark thunderhead of smoke visible for miles hung over Stonewall County in northern Texas as ranchland burned, the Texas Forest Ser-

vice said. Wildfires fed by dry, windy conditions have charred more than 82,000 acres over seven days across the state, killing livestock, destroying buildings and drawing in crews and equipment from 25 states. "Predicted fire weather for tomorrow is even worse," Forest Service spokesman Alan Craft said. "These are the worst conditions we have ever seen." □

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Pentagon is having second thoughts on Iraq withdrawal



Defense Secretary Robert Gates speaks with from soldiers from the 4th Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division out of Fort Hood, Texas, while visiting Camp Marez in Mosul, Iraq.

By ROBERT BURNS
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Eight months shy of its deadline for pulling the last American soldier from Iraq and closing the door on an 8-year war, the Pentagon is having second thoughts.

Reluctant to say it publicly,

officials fear a final pullout in December could create a security vacuum, offering an opportunity for power grabs by antagonists in an unresolved and simmering Arab-Kurd dispute, a weakened but still active al-Qaida or even an adventurous neighbor such as Iran. The U.S. wants to keep

perhaps several thousand troops in Iraq, not to engage in combat but to guard against an unraveling of a still-fragile peace. This was made clear during Defense Secretary Robert Gates' visit Thursday and Friday in which he and the top U.S. commander in Iraq talked up the prospect of an extended U.S. stay. How big a military commitment might the U.S. be willing to make beyond 2011? "It just depends on what the Iraqis want and what we're able to provide and afford," Gates said Thursday at a U.S. base in the northern city of Mosul where U.S. soldiers advise and mentor Iraqi forces. He said the U.S. would consider a range of possibilities, from staying an extra couple of years to remaining in Iraq as permanent partners. Less clear is whether the Iraqis will ask for any extension. □

In Maine

National Park idea faces challenges



The East Branch of the Penobscot River is seen near land owned by conservationist Roxanne Quimby, the founder of Burt's Bees cosmetics company.

By DAVID SHARP
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine — Judging by the reaction of Maine's congressional delegation, a wealthy conservationist has some convincing to do if she's to sell her idea of another national park in Maine.

While no one rejected Roxanne Quimby's idea outright, all four members of Maine's delegation expressed some level of concern about the proposal by the founder of Burt's

Bees personal care products to turn over more than 70,000 remote acres to the National Park Service.

The Park Service finds the idea intriguing, especially since it thinks people in the Northeast have fewer parks than other areas of the country. The park's acreage would be roughly double the size of Maine's Acadia National Park, which draws more 2 million visitors a year.

But it's Congress that would

have the final say. And the project wouldn't even make it out of the starting gate without support of the home-state delegation.

Rep. Chellie Pingree, a Democrat, said she's open to the park idea, as long as the needs of local residents and industries are taken into account. Republican Sens. Susan Collins and Olympia Snowe both expressed misgivings about federal control of so much land in northern Maine.

Rep. Mike Michaud, a Democrat who grew up in Millinocket the town closest to the wooded acreage said he wants answers about the impact on communities and businesses before taking a position.

Quimby, who made roughly \$350 million when she sold Burt's Bees, has been buying land for conservation for several years. Her idea of a Maine Woods National Park would utilize her vast acreage to the east of Baxter State Park, and would include a visitor center dedicated to Henry David Thoreau. □

Gay marriage ban under assault



Tim Smulian, a South African citizen, left, and Edwin Blesch, an American, outside the Au Petit Poucet restaurant in Val David, Quebec, Canada. They married in 2007 in South Africa. Because of the U.S. law barring federal recognition of same-sex marriages, Smulian uses tourist visas which limit him to six months annually in the U.S. That means that to be together, the two retirees have to uproot themselves from their home on Long Island and spend half the year abroad.

By DAVID CRARY
Associated Press

NEW YORK — These are frustrating, tantalizing days for many of the same-sex couples who seized the chance to marry in recent years.

The law that prohibits federal recognition of their unions in under assault in the courts. The Obama administration has repudiated it and taken piecemeal steps to weaken its effects.

Yet for now, the Defense of

Marriage Act remains very much in force provoking anger, impatience and confusion among gay couples.

Because of DOMA, some binational couples still worry about deportation of the non-citizen spouse.

Survivor benefits aren't granted after one spouse dies. And couples filing joint tax returns in the states allowing same-sex marriage must still file separately this month with the IRS. □

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In Kansas

Federal judge, 103, still hearing cases

By ROXANA HEGEMAN
 Associated Press

WICHITA, Kan. — In a courtroom in Wichita, the day begins much as it has for the past 49 years: Court is in session, U.S. District Judge Wesley Brown presiding. But what happens next is no longer routine; it's a testament to one man's sheer determination.

As lawyers and litigants wait in respectful silence, Brown, who is 103, carefully steers his power wheelchair behind the bench, his stooped frame almost disappearing behind its wooden bulk. He adjusts under his nose the plastic tubes from the oxygen tank lying next to the day's case documents. Then his voice rings out loud and firm to his law clerk, "Call your case."

Brown is the oldest working federal judge in the nation, one of four appointees by President Kennedy still on the bench. Federal judgeships are lifetime appointments, and no one has taken that term more seriously than Brown.

"As a federal judge, I was appointed for life or good behavior, whichever I lose first," Brown quipped in an interview. How does he plan to leave the post? "Feet first," he says.

In a profession where advanced age isn't unusual and, indeed, is valued as a source of judicial wisdom Brown has left legal colleagues awestruck by his stamina and devotion to work. His service also epitomizes how the federal court



U.S. District Judge Wesley Brown

system keeps working even as litigation steadily increases, new judgeships remain rare, and judicial openings go unfilled for months or years.

"Senior judges keep the federal court system afloat given the rising case loads," said David Sellers, spokesman for the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. Of the 1,294 sitting federal judges, Brown is one of 516 on "senior status," a form of semi-retirement that allows a judge to collect his salary but work at a reduced case level if he chooses. They handle almost a quarter of federal district trials.

And no one alive has logged more service than Brown, who took senior status in 1979 but still worked fulltime until recently. □

Insider conspirator friend of defendants

CHICAGO — The unidentified co-conspirator who funneled tips and cash between a lawyer and trader accused of running a 17-year scheme to trade on corporate merger secrets was a former colleague of both defendants, the New York Times reported. It identified the co-conspirator, who was not charged in one of the largest U.S. insider trading cases on record, as Kenneth T. Robinson, a former trader and mortgage broker on Long Island. Robinson could not be reached for comment.

Federal prosecutors this week accused Matthew H. Kluger and Garrett D. Bauer of reaping more than \$32.2 million from trades on tips about upcoming mergers and acquisitions that Kluger learned as a lawyer at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati PC, the pre-eminent firm representing Silicon Valley technology companies. The New York Times report on Friday said the scheme unraveled after Robinson made \$200,000 from buying shares of 3Com Corporation, which was soon to be acquired by Hewlett-Packard. The profit alerted the SEC to Robinson, the report said, citing a person with knowledge of the investigation who spoke anonymously because its details are not public.

Robinson began taping conversations with Kluger and Bauer after federal authorities raided his house in early March, according to the New York Times.

The insider trading complaint relies on many recorded telephone calls. In one call, on March 28, Bauer was said to have discussed how to dispose of \$175,000 of cash with his fingerprints that he had given the co-conspirator.

More than \$109 million was invested in the purported scheme, prosecutors said. Kluger is a resident of Oakton, Virginia, while Bauer lives in New York. □

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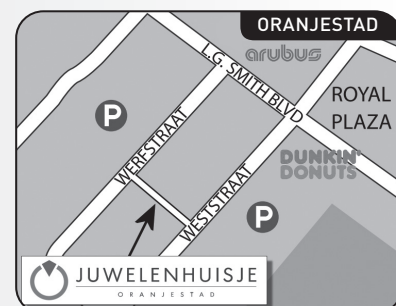
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The handsomely engraved plaque was presented to Gwendolyn by Smith and Steward and all nominees received a traditional envelope. □

Aruba's special athletes get a generous boost

PALM BEACH - Special Olympics Aruba Foundation is in the midst of major fundraising to send a delegation of athletes to the World Special Olympics Summer Games 2011, held every four years; this year, the ancestral home of all Olympic Games, Greece, is the host country.

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The gala celebrated the many achievements of sales teams at all three properties and was attended by Director of Time-

share for Divi Resorts Paula Smith, Director of Sales Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach Resort, Christy Garrido, VP of Sales & Marketing Mark Steward, Divi's CEO E.J. Schanferber, General Manager Gerrit Griffith and Director of Human Resources Maria Esquera.

The handsomely engraved plaques were presented to the stars of the sales teams by Smith and Steward.

The following Divi Executives were honored: Top Marketing

Executive, Joy Farquharson, Top Sales Executive, Divi Village, Judeska Peterson, Top Sales Executive, Aruba Phoenix, Sigifredo Castaño, Top Sales Finance Manager, Divi Village, Anthony Franca and Top Sales Finance Manager, Aruba Phoenix, Ruben Pietersz.

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The younger selection team



will also be presenting their routines for their competitions in June in Toronto Canada and in June in Puerto Rico. Everyone is invited to join and support these athletes at the pool. Admission is free. We want to thank everyone for the support they gave the Synchronized Swimmers and look forward to seeing them on Saturday at 11:00am. □

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Stop at the Juggling Fish before you hit the beach

PALM BEACH – From sexy to conservative, you will find beachwear & bathing suits in all styles and colors at the Juggling Fish Swimwear Store on the seaside boardwalk at Playa Linda Beach Resort.

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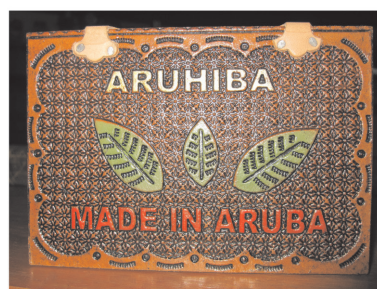
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Real Estate law breakers beware

By ART KLEIMER

Special to Aruba Today

My reporter friend Shari called in a panic yesterday.

Shari: You have got to help me out.

Me: O.k. What is the problem?

Shari: I have been writing what you told me about the Law of Supply and Demand and how it affects real estate. I wrote about the rules sellers and buyers have to follow to avoid breaking the law. People want to know the exact consequences of breaking the law.

Me: Relax Shari it is not a problem.

Shari: Easy for you to say but my Pulitzer Prize may be on the line.

Me: The consequences of breaking the law are relative to how badly and for how long you choose to break the law. Here are just a few of the more common real life experiences of the law- breakers. The longer you break the law by not selling or buying at fair market value the bigger the penalties.

The most common penalty is the seller does not sell and the buyer does not buy. The plans goals and dreams go up in smoke.

Shari: Can you quantify that for my readers?

Me: Consider the average family wishing to sell and buy another home. The average family today has mortgage payments for principle interest taxes and insurance approaching \$2,000.00 a month. This assumes a \$200,000 mortgage, a 5%

rate of interest, 3% a year property tax rate and a fairly low insurance cost. For every month they fail to sell they have paid out \$2,000 for something they no longer want. The national inventory supply is still over 9 months. This seller is looking at spending \$18,000 for something they want to get away from. This does not include maintenance, repairs, improvements, utilities, possible homeowners or association dues. \$18,000 can very easily be \$25,000 or \$30,000. Remember in some markets 2/3rds of for sale homes never sell!

Shari: Wow that is a lot of money. When you look at it over months it really is expensive.

Me: Yes. Imagine that you have a mortgage of \$300,000 or \$400,000 or even more. Now the penalty for violating the law of supply and demand has huge consequences.

Shari: How is the buyer penalized?

Me: The buyer is either living in a house or renting a place he or she no longer wants. Again the plan fails, the goal is not reached and the dream is dashed. If they are renters the situation is compounded because they are losing the income tax benefits of home ownership. In many parts of the country especially those where prices have fallen the most, home ownership cost much less than renting when all the economic factors are considered.

Shari: That is amazing!

Me: There are other more hidden and subtle costs, often non- financial costs which often are emotionally more damaging.

Shari: Expensive non-financial costs. What does that mean?

Me: Homes are sold for a reason. People need more space or less space, want to live better or cannot afford to live as well in the future as in the past. Homes are sold for health reasons. The climate is too hot or too cold or too something. Whatever it may be staying is physically unhealthy. Homes are often sold or bought because of relationship issues. People getting married are looking for new larger home while people getting divorced are looking for two smaller homes. I call these relationship moves. When these goals cannot be achieved there is a huge emotional and financial strain on the fabric of the relationship.

Even under the very best of circumstances the strain is huge. If health or divorce is the underlying motivation the stresses and strains can be overwhelming.

Shari: I never realized what an important role real estate plays in our lives.

Me: Until you have been there it is really impossible to

understand the pressures the failure to sell or buy can put on people. These emotional costs are often much more damaging than the tens of thousands of "lost" dollars. Imagine a couple getting married with a blended family. Everyone is happy and excited and there is no place to sleep. Kids have to share rooms with their "new" siblings, mom and dad often sleeping on the floor. Nobody has privacy. This is a "good" situation. Imagine the sellers are getting a divorce and each needs the money from the sale to move on with their life. Nothing good comes when people are getting a divorce and living in the same house.

Imagine someone has lost their job and there is a foreclosure in process. Selling the house may be the only salvation. If the house is not priced to market everyday means a "loss of salvation". Worse is when the value of the house is less than the mortgage, an "underwater" house. The pressures are unimaginable.

Shari: I never fully realized how huge the penalties were for violating the laws of real estate. I am going to do everything I can to educate the public to follow the real estate laws. Helping people will be better than a Pulitzer.

Me: It is my pleasure to help you and others with their real estate needs. □



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Military trial for Mohammed sends wrong message to world

By Cynthia Tucker
Associated Press

WASHINGTON -- Eric Holder is a genuine American patriot. The U.S. attorney general believes the oft-recited pledges about justice and liberty; he has an abiding faith in the U.S. Constitution; he understands the premises of American exceptionalism.

He has said frequently that holding alleged 9/11 planner Khalid Sheikh Mohammed to account in a civilian trial in a federal courthouse in New York City, blocks away from the destroyed Twin Towers, would be an outstanding way to show the supremacy of American values.

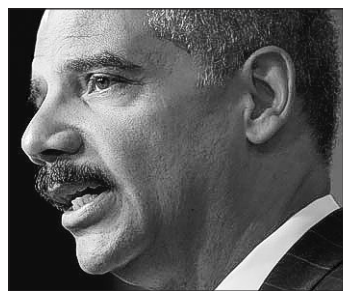
As he told *The New Yorker* last year: "Values matter in this fight. We need to give those who might follow these mad men a good sense of what America is, and what America can be. We are militarily strong, but we are morally stronger."

But Holder is apparently rare among the titans of official Washington. Few of them were willing to allow Mohammed the rights that we insist lesser nations ought to emulate.

So, in an embarrassing reversal, Holder announced last week that Mohammed will be tried by a military commission at Guantanamo Bay. The decision hardly came as a surprise; Republicans and Democrats had found fault with the plan for a civilian trial and made it impossible to carry out.

Still, it's hard to account for the level of cowardice that forced the Obama administration to renege on a high-profile promise. Men and women who ought to know better insisted that Mohammed was much too dangerous to try in a regular court; that his supporters might target his trial for a high-profile terror attack; and, not insignificantly, that he might not be convicted.

The complaints about the continuing threat represented by Mohammed remind me of fairy tales about monsters and other mythical creatures. The notion that he could eas-



U.S. Attorney General
Eric Holder

ily summon up a sinister plot from his cell in Guantanamo or that his supporters can elevate him to the status of superhero.

Yes, there are continuing and multiple threats from jihadists intent on blowing up bridges, planes or shopping malls. The nation's security apparatus confronts those daily. But nothing about Mohammed suggests he is any more dangerous than Ahmed Khalfan Ghailani, another al-Qaida operative, who was convicted in a New York City federal courthouse last year without incident.

Oddly, the successful prosecution of Ghailani only heightened objections to a civilian trial for Mohammed.

Ghailani was charged with more than 280 counts related to the 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in east Africa, but he was convicted of only one charge.

That was enough to land him in prison for life, but not enough to satisfy the zealots who see jury trials where rules of evidence are strict and the prosecution is compelled to present a case beyond a reasonable doubt as a weakness of the criminal justice system. Those standards are among the rights that the U.S. Constitution, lately much-lauded by hyper-conservatives, was meant to guarantee, but its protections may be more honored, by those same hyper-conservatives, in their breach. Mohammed will likely be convicted and sentenced to death by a military commission which, by the way, still has to operate by certain rules and procedures that represent the rule of law. Of course, he would likely have been convicted and sentenced to death in a civilian court, too. □

So much for change coming to Washington

By BEN FELLER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON -- President Barack Obama promised to change Washington's ways. Yet he's as caught up in them as ever.

As the week began, Obama kicked off his re-election bid with a sunny video of people talking about their hopes and needs, the very image of life outside Washington politics.

By week's end, Obama was mired in budget negotiations, canceling trips and scrambling to stave off a government shutdown that could only undermine the public's faith in his leadership.

It was the messy business of governing, and how it's going to be in this long campaign for incumbent Obama.

Beyond the vision for economic competitiveness he wants to talk about, Obama is chasing a second term while trying to make a deeply divided government work. He got bogged down in legislative tactics in his first two years, even when he won fights on health care and other issues. The goal now is to avoid all that. He can't.

In this test of leadership, the White House says Obama wrangled the budget compromise he wanted, spending cuts he supported without shelving his priorities or accepting unacceptable policy changes.

His administration portrayed it as an example of bipartisan cooperation of the highest stakes.

Yet the government was on the brink of closing, and many people were wondering how that could happen, or why. This is change?

The showdown was a reminder that for all a president's powers, there's much beyond control. Think Libya, Egypt, Japan's earthquake, not to mention Iraq and Afghanistan.

In this case, the new House Republican majority, led by Speaker John Boehner, seized on a must-pass budget bill to give voice to frustrated voters and tea party conservatives who demanded spending cuts. It was brinksmanship mode again in the capital, where nothing gets done until the deadline. Sometimes not even then.



President Barack Obama waves after visiting the Lincoln Memorial in Washington. Obama and the Republican-run House split their spending differences late Friday night, staving off a federal shutdown, which would have closed the nation's monuments to the public.

In public, Obama tried to keep it at arm's length.

"I shouldn't have to oversee a process in which Congress deals with last year's budget," Obama said as the time got short this week. □

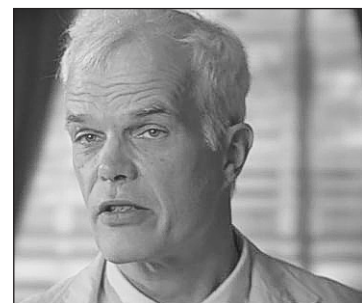
"Rediscovering Alexander Hamilton"

Original self-made American who also made a nation

Mona Charen
Associated Press

WASHINGTON - His face adorns the \$10 bill, but as Richard Brookhiser, host of "Rediscovering Alexander Hamilton" finds when conducting a quick street canvas many Americans cannot identify him. "Washington has a monument," Brookhiser intones. "Jefferson has a memorial. It's often said that New York City is Hamilton's monument." That would be more than enough for any man, yet, as this engrossing film from producer Michael Pack makes clear, it doesn't quite do justice to the genius of Hamilton. First secretary of the Treasury, a drafter of the Constitution, author of two-thirds of the Federal-

ist Papers, and father of the U.S. economy, Hamilton was also the prototype of the self-made American success the original Horatio Alger hero, and then some. Unlike the planters, wealthy merchants, and successful lawyers from established families who comprised the other founders, Hamilton was born in the Virgin Islands, "the bastard brat of a Scotch peddler," as John Adams sneered in one of his less charitable moments. (To be fair, Hamilton could be lacerating about Adams, too.) He was a bastard but some brat. At age 11, orphaned and penniless, Hamilton found work in a St. Croix counting house. There he learned that strong application could yield advancement. He was so gift-



Host Richard Brookhiser.

ed at administration that his boss was willing to leave the 14-year-old Alexander in full charge of the business when he left for four months.

Also in St. Croix, Hamilton saw the suffering of slaves, forced to work endless hours in the scorching sun harvesting sugar cane. The camera lingers on the lanky, bamboo-shaped stalks. Most slaves, Brookhiser notes, "died within seven years." □

In Egypt

More than 1,000 defy army order to leave



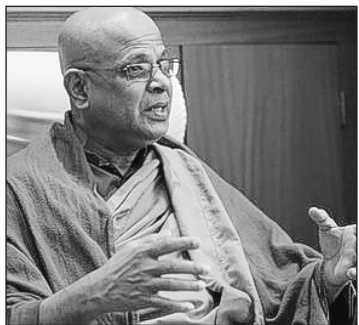
Egypt's public prosecutor on Sunday ordered ousted President Hosni Mubarak and his sons to be questioned over violence against protesters and alleged corruption.

By Patrick Werr
Associated Press

CAIRO – More than 1,000 protesters ignored an army order to leave Cairo's main square on Sunday, extending

into a third day their calls for a quick move to civilian rule and a deeper purge of corrupt officials. Barbed wire blocked roads into Tahrir Square, the center of the protests that toppled Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on February 11 and a major thoroughfare in the traffic-choked capital. Protesters cried "revolution, revolution" and brandished an effigy of Field Marshal Mohamed Hussein Tantawi, who heads the military council now ruling Egypt and is also defense minister, as he was under Mubarak for many years. "What is wanted is a civilian council," read one slogan. □

Royal wedding: the great and the good to gather



The Venerable Bogoda Seelawimala, head priest at London's Buddhist Vihara temple, speaks to The Associated Press in London. The guest list for the April 29 union of Prince William and Kate Middleton is still being kept secret, but details have begun to leak out. Some guests, like leading religious figures, have to be invited because of the magnitude of the event, even if they don't actually have a friendship with the royal family. Seelawimala, for example, has never met the couple, but has been invited primarily to show the royal family and the British government's respect for Buddhist tradition.

By GREGORY KATZ, Associated Press

LONDON – Soccer star David Beckham will be there with his pop star wife Victoria. Elton John is attending with partner David Furnish. And the Venerable Bogoda

Seelawimala will be there too, probably one of the few guests at the wedding of the year wearing orange Buddhist robes. The guest list for the April 29 union of Prince William and Kate Middleton is still being kept secret, but details have begun to leak out, with some coming forward to say they are attending and the Mail on Sunday newspaper claiming to have the official invitation roster. The palace dismissed the newspaper's list as speculation. It won't be clear until the day how the royal couple has balanced the protocol demands that they invite statesmen, diplomats, religious leaders, politicians and the like with invitations to the people they really want to see, particularly the crowd they made friends with when they met and fell in love at St. Andrews University in Scotland. Kate Reardon, editor of high-society magazine Tatler, said many prominent Britons acted as if they didn't really care about receiving an invitation while secretly checking the mail every day to see if the coveted embossed invite had arrived. "Everyone's been hoping," she said. □

Israel and Hamas look to end Gaza flare-up

By Nidal al-Mughrabi
Associated Press

GAZA – Israel and the Gaza Strip's Hamas rulers signaled on Sunday they were looking to end a flare-up in violence that began four days ago with a missile attack on an Israeli school bus and has claimed the lives of 19 Palestinians. A Palestinian official close to UN- and Egyptian-mediated negotiations told AP Israel and militant groups in Gaza had agreed terms for a truce to end four days of cross-border violence in which 19 Palestinian militants and civilians were killed. "Palestinian factions have agreed to halt rocket fire and Israel agreed to cease attacks on the Gaza Strip," the official said. Israel had no im-

mediate comment, but a senior official suggested a tacit deal may have been reached. "What happens from here on is up to the other side," the Israeli official told reporters in Tel Aviv, speaking on condition of anonymity. "It seems calmer now, but it is still not clear where this is going." "We will judge the other side over the next few days. The extent to which Hamas controls the other militant groups will affect the way we choose to act," the Israeli official added. Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak said earlier Hamas had already been hit hard and a ceasefire might be the way to go. "If they stop firing on our communities, we will stop firing. If they stop



An Israeli missile is launched from the Iron Dome missile system in response to a rocket launched from the nearby Palestinian Gaza Strip close to the southern Israeli city of Ashkelon.

firing in general, it will be quiet, it will be good," Barak said on Israel Radio. □



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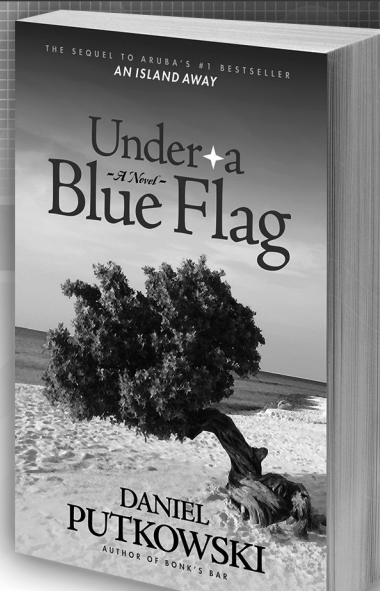
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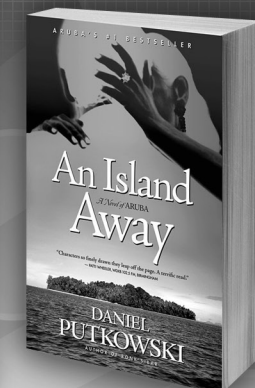


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With Portugal on Tuesday

EU, IMF experts to discuss bailout

BRUSSELS — Experts from the European Commission, European Central Bank and IMF will visit Lisbon this week for talks on an 80 billion euro bailout for Portugal, a commission spokesman said Sunday.

The mission will lay the groundwork for political-level talks between the so-called "troika" and Portugal's political parties the following week, spokesman Cezary Lewanowicz told AFP.

The experts will meet Tuesday with Portuguese finance ministry officials to discuss the "technical details" of the plan, worth \$115 billion, Lewanowicz said.

The European Union and

IMF offered to save Portugal from a debt crisis on Friday but warned that in return Lisbon would have to implement more public spending cuts, tax rises and far-reaching privatisations.

The commission hopes to meet with all of Portugal's political parties to discuss the rescue programme ahead of snap elections on June 5, Lewanowicz said.

"The goal is to have the strongest possible consensus and a clear commitment, whatever the outcome of the elections," the spokesman said.

The International Monetary Fund said the political-level meeting would take place on April 18.

"Following a request by the Portuguese authorities, IMF experts will join European Commission and European Central Bank teams for a technical assessment of the current situation of the Portuguese economy this coming Tuesday," said IMF external relations director Caroline Atkinson.

"This will serve as the basis for the policy discussions that will start the following, April 18," she said.

Socialist Prime Minister Jose Socrates asked for the bailout after parliament last month rejected austerity measures proposed by his minority government, prompting his resignation. □

In Mexico

US citizen among bus passengers abducted



Mexican police satnd guard in front of a truck in Oxaca state. Bones and teeth of potential victims of drug trafficking gangs were found in Tijuana on land owned by a man who in 2009 confessed to disposing 300 bodies in vats of acid, officials have said.

MEXICO CITY — At least one U.S. citizen was among dozens of men reportedly forced off passenger buses by armed attackers in the northeastern border state of Tamaulipas, where 72 bodies were found in mass graves last week, U.S. officials said Sunday.

The man has yet to be located, said a warden's message posted on the website of the consulate, which is located in the Tamaulipas city of Matamoros, across the border from Brownsville, Texas.

It is not unusual for people living or working in Mexican border states to have been born in the U.S.

In a separate warden's message issued Friday, the consulate had warned that Mexican criminal gangs may be planning attacks "in the near future" against U.S. law enforcement or U.S. citizens in Tamaulipas, Nuevo Leon and San Luis Potosi, three northern states wracked by drug

violence as cartels battle for territory.

The report said the information was uncorroborated but was being distributed to all U.S. employees in those three states. There was no mention of closing consulates or sending State Department workers out of the country.

A call by The Associated Press to the Matamoros consulate for more details wasn't immediately answered.

The consulate's statement did not say when or where the U.S. man went missing from the passenger bus.

"From late March to early April, the consulate received three reports from American citizens or their families regarding inter-city buses being boarded by criminals," the warden's message said.

"In at least one instance, male bus passengers, including an American citizen, were forcibly removed from those buses and have yet to be located." □

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Palestinians carry the bodies of Hamas militants in Al-Omari Mosque during their funeral in Gaza City.

By BASSEM MROUE
Associated Press

BEIRUT—A witness says Syrian security forces have killed four protesters and wounded dozens in a coastal city. The witness says the names of the dead were read out on mosque loudspeakers Sunday in the port city of Baniyas. He said most of the shooting occurred in the Ras al-Nabeh neighborhood Sunday afternoon. He spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of government reprisals. Earlier Sunday, army tanks and soldiers circled the city to prevent people from entering.

Protests erupted in Syria more than three weeks ago and have been growing steadily every week, with tens of thousands of people calling for sweeping reforms in President Bashar Assad's authoritarian regime. More than 170 people have been killed. Shots rang out after the Syrian army sealed off the key port city of Baniyas on Sunday where anti-government protesters turn out, undaunted by the regime's use of deadly force to quell more than three weeks of unrest. Human rights groups said there were casualties, but the reports were not immediately confirmed. □

Japan fails to stop leaks

Radioactive water discharges into ocean

By Yoko Kubota
Associated Press

TOKYO—Japanese nuclear power plant operator TEPCO expects to stop pumping radioactive water into the ocean days later than planned, a step that would help ease international concern about the spread of radiation from a smashed nuclear plant. Prime Minister Naoto Kan's Democratic Party was likely to be punished at Sunday's local polls for his handling of the massive earthquake and tsunami that ravaged Japan's northeastern coast on March 11, killing 13,000 and triggering the world's worst nuclear accident since the 1986 Chernobyl disaster. China and South Korea have also criticized Japan's handling of the nuclear crisis, with Seoul calling it incompetent, reflecting growing international unease over the month-long atomic disaster and the spread of radiation. Japan is struggling to regain control of the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant that was damaged by the magnitude 9 quake and 15 meter tsunami. The nuclear plant's operator, Tokyo Electric Power Co (TEPCO), has been pumping



A radiation monitor indicates 0.95 microsieverts per hour at an area hit by the March 11 earthquake and tsunami, which is about 20km from the damaged Fukushima nuclear power station, in Minamisoma, Fukushima prefecture.

sea water into the reactors to cool the nuclear core, and then discharging the water, after it has become contaminated, back into the Pacific Ocean. TEPCO had planned to stop the discharge on Saturday, but work was interrupted by a powerful aftershock late on Thursday. The firm then pushed the target back to Sunday, a goal it failed to meet. "We are making checks on remaining water, and the final check is scheduled for tomorrow," a company spokesman told a press briefing late on Sunday. TEPCO was forced to

start pumping sea water into the power plant after failing to restart the reactors' cooling systems after the quake. It has been pumping in nitrogen to cool the core, but officials say they are unsure of what to do next. "We cannot say what the outlook is for the next stage," Hidehiko Nishiyama, a deputy director-general of the Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency (NISA) said on Sunday. "As soon as possible we would like to achieve stable cooling and set a course toward controlling radiation." □

Rubik's cube of re-elections



By **CHARLES M. BLOW**

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So, “The One” wants a Round Two.

This week President Barack Obama made it official that he’s seeking a second turn. Make no mistake, that’s going to be hard.

In the prologue to “The Audacity of Hope,” Obama wrote: “I serve as a blank screen on which people of vastly different political stripes project their own views.” No more.

His tabula rasa days are gone. He now reflects fears and frustrations.

Differing factions now take a peephole view of the president’s performance – viewing him narrowly over whether he has performed as promised, or as expected, on the issue most important to them.

The broader record, especially when weighed against the alternative, is virtually ignored. For some, change has not come fast enough, if at all, or it has been change for the worse, and hope has slowly melted away.

To those unhappy on the left, he’s a corporatist, war-waging, pusillanimous pushover who is silver-tongued and rubber-spined. To those who most oppose him on the right, he is a Socialist, spendthrift, republic-destroyer who is unfit, unqualified and literally, by way of his “Kenyan birth,” ineligible to be president.

He is held down by two afflictions of modern American

politics: transitory memory and mercurial temper. So Obama’s best chances of winning re-election may well hinge on his ability to re-energize and engage two of his largest, strongest groups of supporters who have mostly avoided the negative labeling: blacks and Hispanics. But that won’t necessarily be easy either.

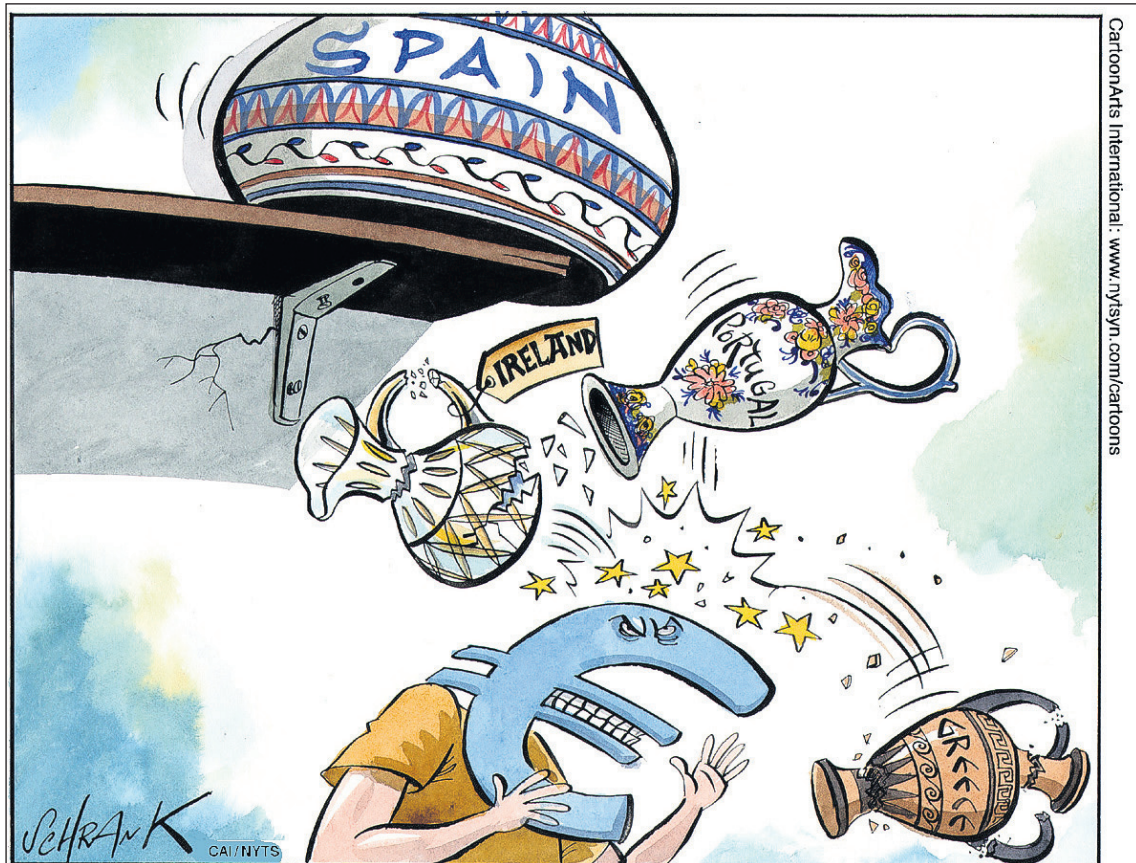
On Wednesday, Obama delivered his first major speech after signaling his bid for re-election. It was to the Rev. Al Sharpton’s National Action Network. The next day, Gallup released a poll showing that in March, Obama’s approval rating among blacks had reached a personal low. (But, at 85 percent, it is still extraordinary.)

The same poll found that his approval rating among Hispanics dropped to 54 percent in March, matching a personal low. That is down more than a quarter from March of 2009 when it was 73 percent. Many are still understandably smarting over Obama’s broken promise to introduce comprehensive immigration reform in his first year. Meanwhile, he has presided over a record number of deportations of undocumented workers.

Last week, National Journal published a fascinating analysis that predicted that Obama would have to win about the same amount of, or more of, the white vote in states like Florida, Indiana, Missouri, North Carolina and Virginia if his support among minorities dropped by just 10 percent. That’s problematic on both counts. Obama’s approval among whites remains below 40 percent. (He won 43 percent of the white vote in 2008.)

And if present trends continue, his support among minorities could be off by much more than 10 percent.

Obama must do the hard work of finding the right balance and combination with each of these groups. It’s like the Rubik’s Cube of re-elections. □



Blowin’ in the idiot wind



By **MAUREEN DOWD**

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Bob Dylan may have done the impossible: broken creative new ground in selling out.

The idea that the raspy troubadour of ‘60s freedom anthems would go to a dictatorship and not sing those anthems is a whole new kind of sellout – even worse than Beyonce, Mariah and Usher collecting millions to croon to Moammar Gadhafi’s family, or Elton John raking in a fortune to serenade gay-bashers at Rush Limbaugh’s fourth wedding. Before Dylan was allowed to have his first concert in China on Wednesday at the Worker’s Gymnasium in Beijing, he ignored his own warning in “Subterranean Homesick Blues” – “Better stay away from those that carry around a fire hose” – and let the government pre-approve his set.

Iconic songs of revolution like “The Times They Are a-Chan-

gin’,” and “Blowin’ in the Wind” wouldn’t have been an appropriate soundtrack for the 2,000 Chinese apparatchiks in the audience taking a relaxing break from repression.

Spooked by the surge of democracy sweeping the Middle East, China is conducting the harshest crackdown on artists, lawyers, writers and dissidents in a decade. It is censoring (or “harmonizing,” as it euphemizes) the Internet and dispatching the secret police to arrest willy-nilly, including Ai Weiwei, the famous artist and architect of the Bird’s Nest, Beijing’s Olympic stadium. Dylan said nothing about Ai’s detention, didn’t offer a reprise of “Hurricane,” his song about “the man the authorities came to blame for something that he never done.” He sang his censored set, took his pile of Communist cash and left.

“The Times They Are Not a-Changin’,” noted The Financial Times under a picture of the grizzled 69-year-old on stage in a Panama hat.

“Imagine if the Tea Party in Idaho said to him, ‘You’re not allowed to play whatever,’ you’d get a very different response,” said an outraged Sophie Richardson of Human Rights Watch.

A 22-year-old Dylan did walk off “The Ed Sullivan Show” when CBS censors told him

he couldn’t sing “Talkin’ John Birch Paranoid Blues.”

But he’s the first to admit he cashes in.

David Hajdu, the New Republic music critic, says the singer has always shown a tension between “not wanting to be a leader and wanting to be a celebrity.” In Hajdu’s book, “Positively 4th Street,” Dylan is quoted saying that critics who charged that he’d sold out to rock ‘n’ roll had it backward. “I never saw myself as a folksinger,” he said. “They called me that if they wanted to. I didn’t care. I latched on, when I got to New York City, because I saw (what) a huge audience there was. I knew I wasn’t going to stay there. I knew it wasn’t my thing. ... I became interested in folk music because I had to make it somehow.”

“Folk music,” he concluded, “is a bunch of fat people.”

He can’t really betray the spirit of the ‘60s because he never had it. In his memoir, “Chronicles,” he stressed that he had no interest in being an anti-establishment Pied Piper and that all the “cultural mumbo jumbo” imprisoned his soul and made him nauseated.

“I had very little in common with and knew even less about a generation that I was supposed to be the voice of,” he said. □

Bulls hold off the hard-charging Magic 102-99

Chicago Bulls' Joakim Noah, left, makes a move to the basket past Orlando Magic's Ryan Anderson, right, during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Orlando, Fla., Sunday, April 10, 2011.

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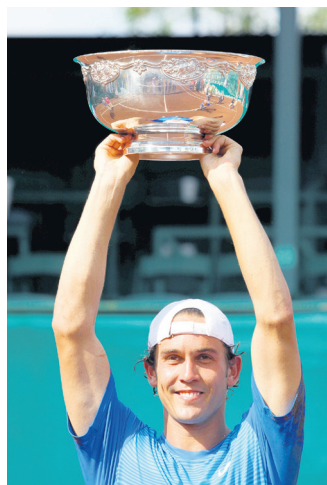
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U.S. CLAY COURT



Ryan Sweeting, of the United States, holds up the trophy after defeating Kei Nishikori, of Japan, in the final of the U.S. Men's Clay Court Championship tennis tournament Sunday, April 10, 2011, in Houston.

Associated Press

Sweeting beats Nishikori

HOUSTON — Ryan Sweeting made sure he didn't get too far ahead of himself in the U.S. Men's Clay Court Championship final — and ended up leaving Japanese star Kei Nishikori behind.

"I feel in the past I'd see the finish line and I'd start thinking about that," Sweeting said after beating Nishikori 6-4 7-6 (3) on Sunday for his first ATP World Tour title. "I didn't think about the end result today. In the tiebreaker, I just tried to play each point."

The 23-year-old American became the fifth first-time winner on the ATP tour this year and the first U.S. Clay Court wild-card champion since Mardy Fish in 2006.

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CHARL IN CHARGE

Schwartzel follows Player's lead, 50 years on

Charl Schwartzel of South Africa reacts after a birdie putt on the 18th hole during the final round of the Masters golf tournament.

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Mellroy Meltdown



Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland wipes his forehead after his final round of the Masters golf tournament Sunday, April 10, 2011, in Augusta, Ga.

Associated Press

No. 1 Wozniacki takes Family Circle Cup

PETE IACOBELLI
AP Sports Writer

CHARLESTON, South Carolina (AP) — Top-ranked Caroline Wozniacki defeated Elena Vesnina 6-2, 6-3 to take the Family Circle Cup on Sunday, capturing her third title this season.

The unseeded Vesnina, ranked 56th in the world, attempted to break Wozniacki's rhythm by going for the mid-court sidelines instead of hitting deep into the corners. But Wozniacki was up for that, easily chasing most of them down.

The victory marked Wozniacki as one of the favorites when the clay-court season ends in two months at the French Open.

"I feel confident and I know I can win a (Grand) Slam" tournament, Wozniacki said. The Dane lost only one set in her five matches in Charleston, in the quarterfinals to Barbora Zahlavova Strycova, and took out former No. 1 Jelena Jankovic in straight sets to reach the finals here for the second time in five years.

The top-seeded Dane broke her opponent to grab a 3-1 lead in the opening set. Vesnina held strong in the second set, but again Wozniacki



Caroline Wozniacki, of Denmark, celebrates her victory over Elena Vesnina during finals action at the Family Circle Cup tennis tournament in Charleston, S.C., Sunday April 10, 2011. Associated Press

broke her serve for a 5-3 lead. Minutes later, Wozniacki had claimed the title, having previously won at Dubai and Indian Wells, California.

Wozniacki pumped her fist after the final point, waved and blew kisses to the stadium court crowd. She was glad to finally come away with the championship after coming close the previous two years. Wozniacki lost to Sabine Lisicki in the 2009 finals, then rolled her ankle in the semis a year ago and had to withdraw. "This has always been a great tournament for me," she said. Wozniacki earned \$111,000 for her first Family Circle Cup crown. She couldn't stay long to celebrate, however, since she had a flight to catch later Sunday because of a scheduled exhibition match in Monaco.

Vesnina had beaten four seeded opponents to reach the title game. But she sounded like all of Wozniacki's opponents this week as she marveled at the Dane's play.

"It's not like she was like Serena (Williams), you know, powerful play," Vesnina said. "Caroline, she's using pace. She's using the whole court and she's playing smart tennis." □

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"I think I'm most happy the way I performed under pressure in my first final," Sweeting said. "I stayed calm and stayed focused. I didn't let the moment get to me which in past performances I have."

Sweeting, from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., turned pro in 2007 and had never reached an ATP semifinal until this week. He fell to the court in jubilation and fatigue after the hard-fought second set and later took a cannon ball victory dive into the River Oaks Country Club pool.

"There will be a celebration," Sweeting said. "It's on me."

Sweeting earned \$80,650, and Nishikori took home \$42,450. Sweeting had to show his mettle even before the tiebreaker.

Trailing 5-4 in the second set, Sweeting served in the 10th game and had to overcome three set points before holding on a lob error by Nishikori that fell behind the line. The game lasted for 26 points.

"It was a good hold, it gave me a little bit of momentum going into the rest of the set and made it tougher on him," Sweeting said. "He's a competitor and he won't stop until the last point."

"He's very fit and I was a little fatigued after that game. I didn't want a third set."

The tiebreaker got tight when Sweeting double-faulted to bring the score to a 3-3 tie. Two errors by Nishikori and a forehand volley winner by Sweeting brought it to match point and it ended when Nishikori's forehand skipped wide. Nishikori was trying to win the tournament to give inspiration to his tsunami-torn country. Nishikori has a website that auctions donated items from players with all profit going to the tsunami victims in Japan. Items include a shoe worn by Maria Sharapova and a tennis racket signed by John McEnroe. A tennis shirt worn by Rafael Nadal at the Australian Open has surpassed \$5,200 in bidding. Nishikori almost pulled off a comeback late in the second set.

"I wasn't aggressive enough," Nishikori said. "I really wanted to win but I think he deserved it today. He played well, better." □

Phelps 2nd in 200 IM, 100 freestyle

ANN ARBOR, Michigan (AP) — Michael Phelps had a disappointing finish in the Mich-

igan Grand Prix, finishing second in the 200-meter individual medley and 100-meter

freestyle Sunday.

Phelps won three events in the three-day meet after taking five last month in the Indianapolis Grand Prix.

The 14-time Olympic gold

medalist led the 200 IM with 50 meters remaining, but was passed down the stretch by Ous Mellouli of Tunisia, who finished in 1:59.42. Phelps was just behind in 1:59.63. □



Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps competes in the 200-meter individual medley during the finals of the Eric Namesnik Grand Prix swimming meet at Canham Natatorium in Ann Arbor, Mich., on Sunday, April 10, 2011. Phelps placed second. Associated Press

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Schwartzel wins the Masters after a wild day

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. — The finishing touch of a most amazing Masters was Charl Schwartzel slipping into a green jacket. Until that moment late Sunday afternoon, everything else at Augusta National was up for grabs. The roars came from everywhere, for everyone, and never stopped.

Tiger Woods made up a seven-shot deficit in nine holes — too bad it was the front nine. Geoff Ogilvy ran off five straight birdies. Rory McIlroy matched the greatest collapse in Masters history with a stretch of holes not even Greg Norman would want to watch. It was so wild that eight players had at least a share of the lead on the back nine.

Schwartzel emerged from all this madness with a magical touch of his own. He became the first Masters champion in its 75-year history to finish with four straight birdies, giving him a 6-under 66 for the best final round by a winner in 22 years.

The green jacket ceremony wasn't so much a celebration as a chance for everyone to catch their breath.

"There's so many roars that go on around Augusta," Schwartzel said. "Especially the back nine. It echoes through those trees. There's always a roar.

Every single hole you walk down, someone has done something. And I'd be lying if I said I wasn't looking at the leaderboard." At times, it was nearly impossible to keep up. There was a five-way lead at the top at one point, and only the final hour sorted it all out. Schwartzel didn't have the lead to himself until he

knocked in a 10-foot birdie putt on the 17th hole, then put just the right touch on a memorable Sunday with one final birdie putt that only counted toward the final margin.

He won by two shots over Adam Scott and Jason Day, a pair of Australians who didn't drop a single shot on the back nine. "Just an exciting day," Schwartzel said. "So many roars, and that atmosphere out there was just incredible. A phenomenal day."

Indeed, this final round had it all.

There was the fist-pumping charge by Tiger Woods that was slowed by two putts he missed from inside 4 feet. There was Luke Donald, dumping his tee shot into the pond at No. 12 only to make four birdies over the last six holes, chipping in on the last one.

And then there was McIlroy, whose 80 in the final round might be remembered as much for the classy way he handled it all. Still leading by one shot as he headed to the back nine, McIlroy hit a tee shot next to the cabins left of the 10th fairway and twice hit a tree to make triple bogey.

He three-putted from 7 feet for bogey on the 11th, four-putted from about 12 feet on the next hole and buried his head into his forearm as the shock began to settle in.

McIlroy had the highest final round by a 54-hole leader since Ken Venturi in 1956. Not since Jean Van de Velde at Carnoustie had someone lost at least a four-shot lead going into the last round of the major.

"It's never nice to be leading a tournament and do what I did today," McIlroy said.

On the course he looked as though he wanted to hide. After the round, he looked everyone in the eye and answered every question.

The steady hand came from Schwartzel, whose only bogey came on the fourth hole as this Masters was just getting warmed up. He made par on 10 consecutive holes when he began his great run.

Schwartzel got up-and-down from behind the 15th green for birdie to briefly tie for the lead, only for Scott to stuff his tee shot into 2 feet up ahead on the par-3 16th. Schwartzel answered with a 15-foot birdie to catch Scott atop the leaderboard again.

Then came the pivotal 17th, where Schwartzel took the lead, and he finished it off in style. South Africans now have won two of the last three majors, following Louis Oosthuizen winning at St. Andrews last summer.

This one came on the 50th anniversary of Gary Player becoming the first international player to win the Masters.

"I am absolutely delighted for Charl and South Africa. Congratulations and very well done to him. That is how you finish like a champion!" Player said on Twitter.

In so many respects, this looked more like 1986 when Jack Nicklaus charged on the back nine to win a sixth green jacket over a Hall of Fame cast of contenders. There were



Former champion Phil Mickelson, left, helps Charl Schwartzel of South Africa with his green Masters jacket after winning the Masters golf tournament Sunday, April 10, 2011, in Augusta, Ga.

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twice as many possibilities at this Masters, though, from Woods and former Masters champion Angel Cabrera,

from Ogilvy and Donald, from K.J. Choi and Bo Van Pelt, who made two eagles on the back nine. □

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Chicago Bulls' Derrick Rose (1) draws a foul as he goes in for a basket around Orlando Magic's Jameer Nelson (14) during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Orlando, Fla., Sunday, April 10, 2011.

Associated Press

Canada's Jeff Stoughton wins world curling title

REGINA, Saskatchewan (AP) — Canada's Jeff Stoughton finally won his second world curling championship. Stoughton, third Jon Mead, second Reid Carruthers and lead Steve Gould beat Scotland's Tom Brewster 6-5 on Sunday in the championship game.

Stoughton and Gould won the world crown 15 years ago in Canada. Stoughton and Mead were also teammates when they lost the 1999 world final in an extra end.

Sweden's Niklas Edin finished third, beating Norway's Thomas Ulsrud 7-6. □

U.S. juniors defeat world team 92-80

PORTLAND, Oregon (AP) — Austin Rivers, son of Boston Celtics coach Doc Rivers, had 20 points to lead the U.S. Junior National Select Team to a 92-80 victory over its international counterparts in the Nike Hoop Summit on Saturday.

Anthony Davis and Michael Gilchrist each added 16 points in the annual showcase of young talent put together by USA Basketball.

The U.S. team led by as many as 20 points. Guard Mateusz Ponitka of Poland led the World Select Team with 17 points. Bismack Biyombo of Congo had 12 points and 11 rebounds. □

Bulls fight off Magic charge for 102-99 win

By KYLE HIGHTOWER

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Derrick Rose had 39 points and five assists and Luol Deng added 15 points to help the Chicago Bulls hold off the Orlando Magic 102-99 on Sunday.

Orlando's Jameer Nelson appeared to tie it with a 3-pointer at the buzzer, but an official review upheld an initial call of no basket. Ryan Anderson led the Magic with a career-high 28 points, Jason Richardson added 24 and Nelson had 17. Chicago won its seventh in a row and for the 19th time in 21 games. The Bulls also kept alive their chances of finishing with the NBA's best record, which would give them home-court advantage throughout the playoffs.

The Magic's loss drops their record to 1-3 without center Dwight Howard. He sat out Sunday, serving his second suspension of the season after picking up his 18th technical foul.

A possible second-round play-

off preview was spoiled not only by Howard's absence, but also that of Magic sixth man J.J. Redick and reserve Quentin Richardson. Redick missed his 15th straight game with a lower abdominal strain. Richardson served the first of a two-game suspension for shoving Charlotte's Gerald Henderson in the face in last week's win over the Bobcats. But thanks to hot outside shooting, the Magic didn't seem to miss a beat without them. Chicago led just 80-77 entering the fourth quarter, after fighting off several runs by Orlando in the third.

The Magic forced six ties over the first eight minutes of the final period before Brandon Bass' free throw and Jason Richardson's layup gave the Magic a 94-91 lead with 2:46 to play.

A pair of free throws by Rose trimmed the lead to 94-93, and his dunk off a Magic turnover gave Chicago the lead back again, 95-94, with 2 minutes left.

Chicago led 97-96 when Rose lost the ball out of bounds, turning it over to Orlando with 49.7 seconds remaining. The Magic turned it back over to the Bulls during a loose-ball scramble following a missed shot, and Taj Gibson was fouled with 14.2 seconds left. He hit 1 of 2 at the line, but Chicago was able to chase down the rebound.

The ball found its way into Rose's hands, and he hit both free-throw attempts to make it 100-96. Richardson finally got a 3 to go in with 2.7 seconds left, but Boozer hit two more free throws to push the lead back to 102-99 with 2 seconds to go and set up Nelson's final attempt.

A free throw by Gibson with 5:01 to play in the second quarter gave Chicago its largest lead of the half, 44-34. But the Magic responded with a 15-6 run over the final 4:44, including a 3-pointer at the buzzer by Nelson, to trail by just a point at 50-49 entering the third quarter. □

Florida Panthers coach Peter DeBoer has been fired



Peter DeBoer talks to the media in Sunrise, Fla., after he was named the new coach of the Florida Panthers NHL team.

Associated Press

SUNRISE, Florida (AP) — Florida Panthers coach Peter DeBoer has been fired after his team finished last in the Eastern Conference.

The announcement came one day after DeBoer's team

closed the season Saturday with a 1-0 win over the Washington Capitals, and the team finished its 10th straight season without a playoff appearance. Florida's 72 points were worst in the Eastern Conference and the third-fewest in the 30-team NHL. "These decisions are always tough to make, but we felt strongly that it was the right time to make a change," Panthers general manager Dale Tallon said. Saturday's victory ended a 10-game winless streak. Injuries and moves to trade away some of the franchise's better players in an effort to build toward the future have doomed Florida in the past two seasons, but DeBoer believed progress was being made. "No one is happy with the results," DeBoer said.

The Panthers won only eight of 33 games following the All-Star break, around the time Tallon essentially decided to become a seller instead of a buyer. Florida made eight trades in February alone, loading up with draft picks and future prospects by shipping away players such as Michael Frolik, Cory Stillman, Bryan McCabe, Chris Higgins, Dennis Wideman and Radek Dvorak. All six of those players finished the season among Florida's top 11 in scoring, despite being gone for the past several weeks. DeBoer came to the Panthers in 2008 after 13 seasons of leading teams in the Ontario Hockey League, a top junior level where his clubs won two-thirds of their games. □

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Cubs drop series to Brewers with 6-5 loss

MILWAUKEE — Reliever Kerry Wood had no margin for error when he entered in the eighth. It's been that way every game so far this season for the Cubs.

Wood gave up a two-run homer with two outs to pinch-hitter Casey McGehee and the Cubs lost 6-5 to the Milwaukee Brewers on Sunday to drop the series. Only one of Chicago's first nine games has been decided by three runs or more, a 6-0 loss on Saturday to Milwaukee, and the Cubs are 2-4 against NL Central foes.

"It's not easy. You keep thinking they're going to bounce your way eventually, you're going to get some breaks," Wood said. "We've got to win that game, win that series. No question. It didn't happen."

The Cubs certainly had plenty of opportunities after Brewers starter Yovani Gallardo labored through five innings. Milwaukee's bullpen also ran into trouble in the seventh, with relievers Sean Green, Mitch Stetter and Kameron Loe each allowing a runner to load the bases with one out. Tyler Colvin's RBI groundout off Loe (1-0) gave the Cubs a 5-4 lead.

"When you've got a guy like Gallardo on the ropes, you need to put them away. It ain't that easy but yeah, we had plenty of chances," Cubs manager Mike Quade said.

"It's a lot easier for everyone if we can find a way to give ourselves a cushion of more than a run.

Obviously, you make one mistake in this ballpark with their club offensively and everything else, it's a tough deal."

Prince Fielder and Ryan Braun each hit a two-run homer for Milwaukee, which has won five of six after an 0-4 start.

Worse, McGehee had been mired in a 3-for-22 slump this homestand and didn't get the start. Wood (0-1) walked Yuniesky Betancourt to open the eighth and Betancourt reached second on a sacrifice bunt.

After George Kottaras struck out, McGehee hit the second fastball he saw into the Cubs' bullpen in right.

"We know we're going to play tight games. That's part of it," Wood said.

"You start the inning off with a walk, you put yourself behind the 8-ball."

Chicago's Aramis Ramirez drove in three runs on three doubles. He started this road trip that continues Monday in Houston 1 for 8 before doubling down the left-field line in the first inning to drive in two.

Fielder tied it in the bottom of the first with his second homer and is 11 for 18 with two home runs and 11 RBIs in the last four games after

failing to knock in a run in a 3-for-17 start.

Chicago added runs in the second on Darwin Barney's RBI single and the third on Ramirez's run-scoring double to put the Cubs up 4-2, but Milwaukee tied it again on Braun's two-run shot off

Chicago Cubs' Kosuke Fukudome makes a running catch on a ball hit by Milwaukee Brewers' Yuniesky Betancourt during the fifth inning of a baseball game Sunday.
Associates Press.

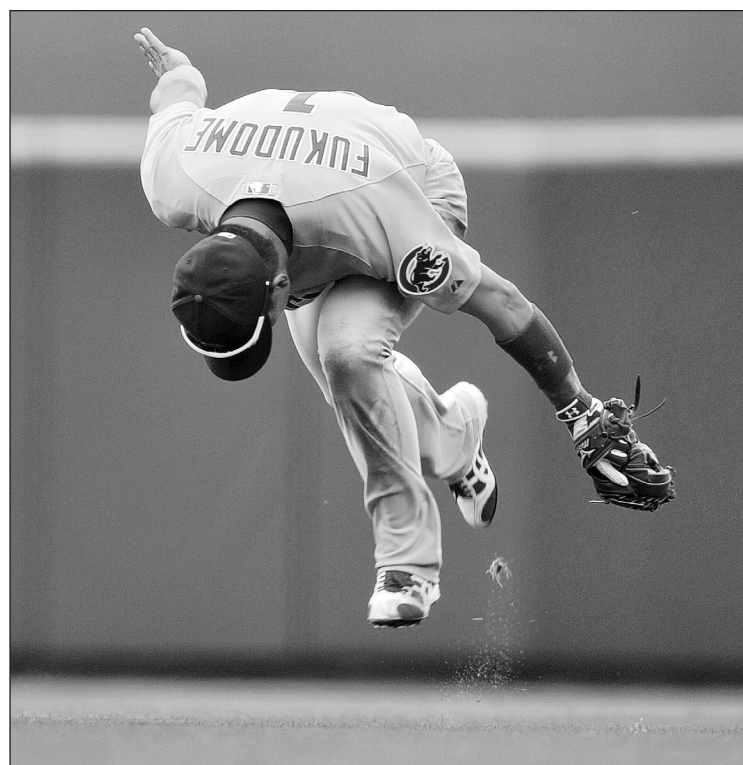
Casey Coleman in the bottom of the third.

Coleman got the start because Randy Wells (right forearm) is on the disabled list.

Cubs right fielder Kosuke Fukudome saved a run in the second with a diving catch for the third out and made a shoestring grab with two on and one out in the fifth to keep the game tied.

After doubling for the third time in the fifth, Ramirez was thrown out at the plate when third baseman Craig Counsell went home with Geovany Soto's slow roller to set up the back-and-forth finish.

"We're just not giving ourselves much room for error," Quade said. □



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Pacific nations battle obesity



An overweight man walks along a street in Nuku'alofa, capital city of Tonga.

By Neil Sands
Associated Press

NUKU'ALOFA — On Tonga's supermarket shelves, huge cans of corned beef the size of paint tins replaced traditional fare such as fish and coconuts long ago contributing to an obesity epidemic that sees the Pacific region ranked as the fattest in the world. Meat in Tonga almost invariably comes in a tin, whether it be turkey breast, meat loaf, luncheon meat or Spam, which can be bought in a variety of forms including

smoked, with chili or laced with cheese for an extra calorie hit. The common denominator, Tonga? Chief Medical Officer Malakai Ake says, is that the "junk meat" is loaded with salt and saturated fats, meaning islanders' waistlines continue to expand.

"This is the biggest issue facing Tonga," he told AP citing soaring levels of weight-related coronary disease, diabetes and strokes among islanders. "Every other day there's a funeral, a next-door neighbor, a relative, a friend. It's always heart disease, diabetes, it's ridiculous."

The Tongan Health Department says more than 90 percent of the total population is classed as overweight and more than 60 percent is obese. According to World Health Organization (WHO) data released last year, Pacific island nations account for eight of the top 10 countries where the male population is overweight or obese. □

'Organic' label seems to make food taste better

WASHINGTON — An "organic" label on foods is enough to make people believe the food items are healthier and tastier, new research suggests.

The study included 144 volunteers who were asked to compare what they believed were conventionally and organically produced chocolate sandwich cookies, plain yogurt and potato chips. All of the products were actually organic, but they were labeled as either "regular" or "organic." The participants used a scale of 1 to 9 to rate each of the products on 10 attributes, such as overall taste and perception of fat content. They were also asked to estimate the number of calories in each food item and how



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much they would be willing to pay for each product. The investigators found that participants preferred almost all of the taste characteristics of the foods labeled as "organic," even though they were identical to those labeled as "regular." The food items with "organic" labels were also perceived as being lower in fat, higher in fiber. □

Do natural aphrodisiacs work?

ONTARIO — For those in search of a natural aphrodisiac, fear not that your supply of rhino horn and tiger penis is running low. Scientists have found aphrodisiac properties in common spices and herbs. Researchers at the University of Guelph in Ontario, Canada, have conducted an extensive review of dozens of studies on various plant and animal products thought to have aphrodisiac powers, from ambrien (excreted from sperm whale intestines; you don't want to know more) to Spanish fly (neither Spanish nor a fly, but such is the truth behind most so-called aphrodisiacs).

Among these, the substances with the most potential and, coincidentally, the most palatable are Korean ginseng and saffron. Yohimbine, from the bark of the West African



The world's aphrodisiacs named for Aphrodite.

yohimbe tree, also aided in sexual function in nine studies conducted over the last two decades; but yohimbine's side effects include seizures and death, not the kind of stiffness most guys are after. [Natural Viagra: Spider Bite Causes Erection]

Nutmeg, cloves, garlic and ginger, too, were at least moderately effective in animal studies. These results will appear in an upcoming issue of

the journal Food Research International.

Got my mojo working
An aphrodisiac is a substance that increases sexual desire, or libido. Some human sexuality experts extend this definition to include a chemical's ability to enhance sexual pleasure.

Abiding by the narrower definition, there are no known natural aphrodisiacs. Viagra and Cialis are synthetic drugs, and nevertheless they do not increase libido. One's sexual desire, or mojo, must be working for these drugs to work.

Alcohol merely lowers sexual inhibitions and ultimately reduces sexual performance. MDMA, or ecstasy, can increase tactile sensation and thus enhance sexual pleasure in this one regard; but as with alcohol, the drug can hinder erection and delay or diminish orgasm for both sexes. □

Doctors find way to map brain's complexity

LONDON — Doctors say they have moved a step closer to developing a computer model of the brain after finding a way to map both the connections and functions of nerve cells in the brain together for the first time.

In a study in the journal Nature on Sunday, researchers from Britain's University College London (UCL) described a technique developed in mice which enabled them to combine information about the function of neurons with details of their connections.

The study is part of an emerging area of neuroscience research known as 'connectomics'. A little like genomics, which maps our genetic make-up, connectomics aims to map the brain's connections, known as synapses. By untangling and being able to map these connections and deciphering how information flows through the brain's cir-



Britain's University College London.

cuits hope to understand how thoughts and perceptions are generated in the brain and how these functions go wrong in diseases such as Alzheimer's, schizophrenia and stroke.

"We are beginning to untangle the complexity of the brain," said Tom Mrsic-Flogel, who led the study.

"Once we understand the

function and connectivity of nerve cells spanning different layers of the brain, we can begin to develop a computer simulation of how this remarkable organ works."

But he said would take many years of work among doctors and huge computer processing power before that could be done. □

San Francisco hopes tech success isn't Bubble 2.0

By MARCUS WOHLSEN
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A certain feeling is back in San Francisco. Murmurings of stock market riches. Twenty-something entrepreneurs as celebrities. Lamborghinis parked next to taco trucks.

Driven by social media and mobile startups, the money is flowing in the city's tech industry again, a decade after the dot-com boom minted overnight millionaires and its crash fueled a local recession worse than anything San Francisco has seen in the latest downturn.

A recent tax break for Twitter and other proposals show city officials are hopeful that this latest tech industry prosperity does not portend another bubble and another bust.

"It seems to be the industry that's leading us out of the recession at the moment," said Ted Egan, the city's chief economist. Even so, he said, "it's certainly not yet another dot-com boom."

At present, the signs do not point clearly to the same excess of optimism that led to the high perch from which the city had so far to fall. But some of the numbers swirling around the tech startup scene could stir a sense of déjà vu. Along with Twitter, the San Francisco startup causing the most excitement is Zynga, maker of popular Facebook games like "FarmVille" and "CityVille." Estimates based on recent investments put the valuations of both companies at \$7 billion or more.

Yet unlike the first dot-com era, when companies with

neither customers nor a clear way to make money raised millions in public stock offerings, both Twitter and Zynga have become major participants in the online economy.

While Twitter is still tweaking its business model and keeps its revenue figures closely held, the company happily claims 175 million users on its way to becoming a global phenomenon.

Zynga's popularity and approach to money-making are even clearer: It sells virtual goods that players use in the company's online games. Last year, the company made about \$400 million doing just that, according to published reports.

"It seems like they're doing things that people want rather than what they think they want," said market researcher Colin Yasukochi of today's startups versus those a decade ago.

In a study for his employer, commercial real estate firm Jones Lange LaSalle, Yasukochi found that the number of tech jobs in San Francisco is nearing the peak set in 2000, the height of the dot-com boom.

Yet the 32,000 tech workers today are occupying about half the commercial real estate space as their 34,000 counterparts before the crash — a possible sign that the estimated 500 tech companies in the city are taking a more conservative approach.

During the first dot-com boom, technology companies were committing to large spaces with the intent of filling them with employees well



In this April 7, 2011 photo, CEO Kevin Systrom, at left, works alongside engineer Shayne Sweeney at Instagram in San Francisco.
Associated Press

ahead of their needs, Yasukochi said.

"Obviously that growth never materialized," he said. "That had dire consequences."

Those consequences included an office vacancy rate that shot from less than 5 percent to 25 percent in two years.

Accompanied by the crushing blow of the 9/11 attacks on the city's tourism economy and housing prices that kept rising despite major job losses, the dot-com crash hit San Francisco harder overall than the recent recession, Egan said.

As a result, San Franciscans have reason to fear the bursting of another bubble even as they enjoy the fruits of the tech industry's current good fortune.

The hope is that companies, investors and the city itself

have learned enough from past mistakes to avoid irrational exuberance.

The possible signs of a different attitude include a much lower rate of venture capital investment. The greater Silicon Valley saw more than \$8.5 billion poured into the software industry during the year 2000 alone, according to Thomson Reuters data. In 2010, the amount was less than \$2 billion. Startups are still raising money, but running lean has become fashionable.

Last year, Kevin Systrom, 27, co-founded a company that follows the typical lean San Francisco startup model, though with atypical success. The mobile photo sharing service Instagram launched in October. Since then, he says the service has grown to about 3 million registered users, or an average of a half-million new users each month.

Right now the company has four workers — as Systrom puts it, one non-technical person and one engineer for every million users. Despite raising \$7 million from investors, he says the company has no plans to go on a hiring spree or seek to cash in on a quick public stock offering, the stereotypical scenario during the first Internet boom.

"It's about going after the best

people in the world who want to build a world-class company," Systrom said. "We are pretty sold at staying lean for quite a while."

Instagram got its start at Dogpatch Labs, a San Francisco workspace where as many as 25 small startups at a time occupy desks for a few months while they try to get consumers and investors interested in their ideas.

Ryan Spoon, 30, oversees Dogpatch Labs for Polaris Venture Partners, a venture capital investment firm. During the first dot-com wave, he founded a company in his dorm room at Duke University to connect high school athletes with college coaches. The website, berecruited.com, is still around today, unlike many others that started at the time.

Spoon says that a big difference between those early days and now is the speed with which social networks can give startups feedback on whether they have a good idea or not.

Investors see that feedback, too, meaning they'll have a better sense before they pour money into a company whether it has a chance.

"It's easier faster and cheaper to start and pursue an idea than it's ever been," Spoon said. "It's a fun time." □

Kremlin rejects FSB proposal to ban Skype, Gmail and Hotmail

By VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV
Associated Press

MOSCOW — A Kremlin official has rejected a proposal from within Russia's main domestic security agency to ban Skype, Gmail and Hotmail as a major threat to national security. A senior FSB

official made the proposal Friday, according to Russian news agencies.

It came after cyber attacks on Russia's most popular blogging site and the website of a popular independent newspaper this week.

While a Kremlin official condemned the cyber attacks on

condition of anonymity Saturday and dismissed the proposal to ban foreign Internet services, commentators saw them as an attempt by authorities to tighten controls on communications before parliamentary elections in December and a presidential vote next March. □

HK to hold world's first yuan IPO outside China

KELVIN CHAN

AP Business Writer

HONG KONG (AP) — The world's first yuan-denominated shares to list on a stock exchange outside mainland China will start trading in Hong Kong on April 29, managers said Sunday, amid surging investor interest in China's appreciating currency.

An initial public offering for Hui Xian Real Estate Investment Trust will begin Monday and raise up to 11.2 billion yuan (\$1.7 billion), the trust's managers said.

Hui Xian's sole asset is Oriental Plaza, a complex in Beijing controlled by billionaire Li Ka-shing, Hong Kong's richest man. Two billion units in the trust, or 40 percent, will be sold to investors. The issue price will be 5.24 yuan to 5.58 yuan, giving the trust a market capitalization of 26.2 billion to 27.9 billion yuan.

The remaining 60 percent of the trust will be owned by six companies, including Cheung Kong (Holdings) Ltd. and Hutchison Whampoa Ltd., both controlled by Li, and Bank of China Ltd.

Oriental Plaza consists of a shopping mall, office and apartment towers and the Grand Hyatt Beijing hotel.

The IPO, which has been expected for several months, is the latest step in the growing use of China's tightly controlled currency abroad.

Investors and other companies looking to launch their own yuan stock offerings will be keenly watching the results.

Hong Kong's stock exchange has spent several months preparing for yuan trading, including holding an IPO simulation last month.

Beijing is promoting Hong Kong as a platform for yuan-based international banking.

Hong Kong is a former British colony that was handed back to China in 1997, but maintains its own political and financial systems and currency.

Hong Kong banks started handling yuan in 2004 and now offer services including deposits, credit cards and trade financing that allows foreign companies to pay Chinese business partners in yuan. □



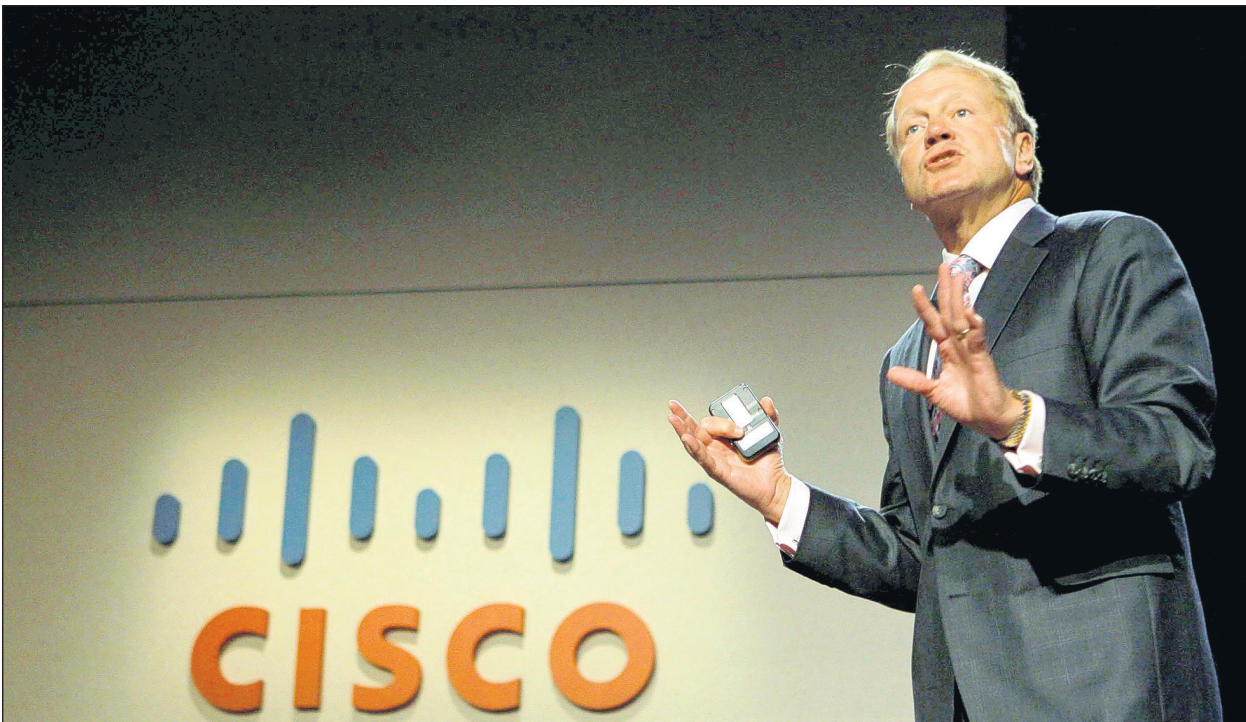
High hopes for first-quarter earnings reports

STAN CHOE

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Look for a lot of winners when U.S. companies report their first-quarter earnings.

The companies in the Standard & Poor's 500 index have surpassed analysts' profit expectations for two years, or eight straight quarters. Some analysts say they will make it nine straight this earnings season, which begins Monday with a report from aluminum producer Alcoa Inc. "The longer it persists, the more meaningful it is," said Adriana Posada, senior portfolio manager with American Beacon who oversees \$18.8 billion in mutual fund and pension assets. "There's a lot more confidence that the economy is in fact improving when earnings continue to surprise" with better-than-expected results. Credit Suisse analysts wrote in a recent report that they expect companies in the S&P 500 will report total earnings per share of \$22.66. That's 3 percent above what analysts across the industry were expecting at



This file photo made Jan. 6, 2010, shows John Chambers, CEO of Cisco Systems Inc., in Las Vegas. There are 117 companies in Standard & Poor's 500 index that have announced since the start of 2011 they will raise their dividends, up from 78 increases in the same period last year, according to Howard Silverblatt, senior index analyst at S&P.

the end of the first quarter. Over the last eight quarters, earnings have beaten expectations by an average of 7 percent. The difference may sound small, but stocks are priced on the assumption that earnings will meet expectations. If results beat forecasts, expect stocks to go up.

Last earnings season, for example, timber company Weyerhaeuser Co. jumped 3 percent the day it reported adjusted earnings per share of 10 cents. That was double analysts' expectations. But the stock market's gains aren't uniform during earnings season, J.P. Morgan strategists wrote in a report.

Associated Press

They looked at returns for the S&P 500 in the first half of an earnings month, such as April or July, versus the remainder of the month going back to 2009.

In the first half, when investors are surprised by the stream of better-than-expected results, they quickly buy.

Some analysts say they will make it nine straight this earnings season, which begins Monday with a report from aluminum producer Alcoa Inc.

But beating expectations gets less of a reaction later in the month. Last earnings season, for example, the S&P 500 rose 2.8 percent in the first 10 trading days of January. But the rally fizzled, and the index slipped 0.6 percent over the back half of the month. The same thing happened a year ago. The S&P 500 jumped 3.6 percent in the first 10 trading days of April 2010, but it dropped 2.1

Oregon cowboy town promotes solar energy

By SHANNON DININNY

Associated Press

PENDLETON, Ore. — A cowboy grasping the reins of a bucking bronco has long been the image of this farm and ranch town. It's the emblem of the annual Pendleton Roundup, a celebration of the city's colorful past, when pioneers on the Oregon Trail settled the prairie.

Today, solar panels might just outnumber cowboys.

Rural Pendleton is blazing an unlikely renewable energy trail, offering no-interest loans to spark interest in solar power and a group-buy philosophy to get better prices. More than 50 residents installed systems last year, and the program was expanded to more residents and to include businesses this year.

Oregon earned a reputation for being a green leader years ago, with adoption of the first bottle bill in 1971 to encourage recycling and efforts to



In this April 8, 2011 photo, Ken and Sally Abbott gaze up at solar panels on the roof of their Pendleton, Ore., home. The Abbotts are among dozens of residents of this rural city investing in solar energy systems.

Associated Press

keep its beaches public.

However, many green efforts stem from the state's populated — and more liberal — west side. They're less likely to be found in Oregon's ruggedly conservative agricul-

tural country.

"We're a Western community, and we're proud of that, but we're also in the 21st Century," city manager Larry Lehman said. "There are people here who are interested in renewable energy, and we wanted to make it easy for them."

The cost of solar systems — even small ones — run in the thousands of dollars, and having the cash up front is a substantial impediment.

Metropolitan Portland also has pursued solar power in recent years, but other states and communities had long since taken the lead. Some have issued bonds, then used the money to issue clean energy loans that are tied to property taxes. In San Jose, Calif., city employees bought in to solar projects through their credit union, Meanwhile, Pendleton had two pots of money sitting in sewer-related reserve accounts.

Why not put that money to better use, Lehman said.

"Way out here, if you want to have solar power, who do you call?" he asked.

Sprawling wheat fields and cattle ranches surround Pendleton, a not-so-sleepy city of 16,500 that sits more than 200 miles east of Portland. □

NYSE rejects Nasdaq, IntercontinentalExchange bid



In this March 15, 2011 photo, a curved seven story video billboard is an iconic feature of the NASDAQ Stock Market site building in Times Square, New York.

Associated Press

CHIP CUTTER

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The parent company of the New York Stock Exchange said Sunday that it rejected an \$11.3 billion bid from Nasdaq and IntercontinentalExchange to buy the company. NYSE Euronext said that its board decided to turn down the offer, which was submitted earlier this month, because it was "highly conditional" and would have caused unnecessary risk for shareholders.

The company said it is sticking with its plan to combine with

German exchange operator Deutsche Boerse AG. NYSE agreed to that \$10 billion deal in February.

The rejection of the Nasdaq/ICE bid was expected. Analysts have said that a deal between the companies would have led to more job losses. They also worried that a combination would raise antitrust concerns in Washington if Nasdaq and NYSE created one big U.S. stock market exchange. NYSE said the Deutsche Boerse deal creates more value for investors and is "significantly more likely to close."

Officials with Nasdaq OMX Group and IntercontinentalExchange Inc. did not immediately return phone calls seeking comments.

Under its proposal, Nasdaq said it would take over the NYSE's stock trading and options business, while IntercontinentalExchange would get its derivatives market. ICE trades commodities including oil, sugar, coffee and cotton. It's also a market for derivatives such as credit default swaps that are used by traders and investors to offset risk in other investments. □

David Cassidy, Danny Bonaduce play Partridge song



David Cassidy, left, and Danny Bonaduce, who played brothers on 'The Partridge Family,' joke on stage before presenting the award at the annual Family Television Awards in Beverly Hills, Calif.

By WAYNE PARRY
Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — And to think they did it without any help from Reuben Kincaid!

A mini-Partridge Family reunion was held Saturday in Atlantic City when David Cassidy and Danny Bonaduce played a song onstage together. They say it was only the second time in 40 years they've done so.

Bonaduce, a Philadelphia disc jockey, portrayed Cassidy's younger brother on the '70s TV hit, but lip-synched and only pretended to play the

bass guitar on the show. On Saturday, after he did a stand-up comedy routine to open the show at Resorts Casino Hotel, Cassidy got him to play "Doesn't Somebody Want To Be Wanted."

Bonaduce learned that song for real when they played it together last October in suburban Philadelphia.

"We did it five, six months ago," Cassidy told The Associated Press. "He learned it and then he put the bass away and didn't touch it. I know him."

"That's not true," Bonaduce insisted. "I just dusted it the

other day."

"The Partridge Family" ran on ABC from 1970 through 1974. It centered on a musical family led by veteran actress Shirley Jones and her children playing light, infectious, hook-laden pop. Jones and Cassidy sang for real; the other actors on the show lip-synched and pretended to play instruments, including Susan Dey, who went on to star in the '80s legal drama "L.A. Law," Suzanne Crough, and Jeremy Gelbwaks and Brian Forster, who split the role of the band's drummer.

Since the show ended, Cassidy has enjoyed a long show biz career, including a solo singing stint during his teen idol phase, a starring role in the police series

"David Cassidy: Man Undercover," and a critically acclaimed role on Broadway in "Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" in 1982.

Bonaduce is a radio personality on Philadelphia station WYSP and has starred on several reality TV shows.

He has also engaged in celebrity boxing and wrestling matches, including bouts against former "Brady Bunch" actors and retired baseball player Jose Canseco. □

Founded by Blue Man Group

School gets new stage



Children run along a hallway illuminated by ultraviolet lamps at the Blue School in New York. The private preschool and elementary school was founded by original members of the Blue Man Group so they could send their own children to a school that was creative enough for them.

By KAREN MATTHEWS
Associated Press

NEW YORK — In the 20 years since they became a performance art sensation, the Blue Man Group has taken its men with blue heads on the road to stages in New York, Las Vegas and Europe.

The trio is now headed to center stage in the classroom. Blue Man founders Chris Wink, Matt Goldman and Phil Stanton are the co-founders of Blue School, a private preschool and elementary school that they started so they could send their own children to a school that was creative

enough for them.

After renting space in several Manhattan locations, Blue School is moving to a permanent home near South Street Seaport in the fall. The three original Blue Men will appear on stage Wednesday for the first time in 11 years to raise money for the school.

No blue greasepaint was in evidence during a visit to Blue School's current home in the East Village, but there were non-traditional touches like a "soft room" with padded walls and foam structures to climb and a hallway drenched in trippy black light. □

Bob Dylan makes debut in Vietnam



Bob Dylan (2nd R) and his band perform during his first-ever concert in Vietnam at the RMIT International University campus in Ho Chi Minh City.

HO CHI MINH CITY — Legendary American musician Bob Dylan, whose songs became anthems of the anti-Vietnam war movement, played a symbolic first-ever concert in the communist

country on Sunday.

A hero for the West's ageing "counter-culture" generation, Dylan and his protest songs are less well-known among the young population of the communist nation, who have

no memory of the years of war with the United States.

But that didn't stop a number of young Vietnamese, as well as foreigners, from turning out for the gig in Ho Chi Minh City and cheering for Dylan, who made no comment on Vietnam or the significance of his appearance there.

"We all really enjoyed it," said a 29-year-old banker, who gave his name as Quan, as he and his friends left the concert in the former Saigon, Vietnam's largest and most westernised city.

As was the case in Beijing, where Dylan also made his debut on Wednesday, he did not play two politically-charged songs that are among his most well-known: "The Times They Are A-Changin'" and "Blowin' in the Wind". □

Review: NYC show

Charlie Sheen disappoints

By FRAZIER MOORE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Not good enough, not bad enough.

Too short (50 minutes, plus a seven-minute video). But also, come to think of it, too long. Mostly, Charlie Sheen's "My Violent Torpedo of Truth/Defeat is Not an Option" show on Friday in New York was forgettable, other than the sting for ticketholders who paid full price to see it. (Sheen's Torpedo of Truth: Caveat emptor!)

Sure, if Charlie's learn-as-you-go tour were long enough, he might eventually get the hang of it. His learning curve climb has doubtless raised him a few notches since his heroically disastrous



Charlie Sheen appears onstage at his "Violent Torpedo of Truth" show at Radio City Music Hall in New York.

opening night in Detroit a week ago by all reports, the sort of show that is so awful that its witnesses can proudly boast of having been there. □



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US filmmaking great

Sidney Lumet dies in NY at 86



Gloria Vanderbilt and her new husband, television and stage director Sidney Lumet following their wedding in an apartment in New York. Lumet, the award-winning director of such acclaimed films as 'Network,' 'Serpico,' 'Dog Day Afternoon' and '12 Angry Men,' has died the family said.

By JAKE COYLE
Associated Press

NEW YORK – Speaking in his office above the Broadway theaters where he performed as a child, director Sidney Lumet was typically unpretentious in discussing his films, a body of work numbering more American classics than most have a right to contemplate.

"God knows I've got no complaints about my career," Lumet said in 2006. "I've had a very good time and gotten some very good work done." An eminent craftsman, Lumet always referred to his more than 40 films as simple, understated "work."

Raised as an actor and molded in live television, he was a pragmatic director, eschewing ostentatious displays of style for sure-handed storytelling. He rarely did more than two or three takes and usually cut "in the camera" essentially editing while shooting yet his efficient ways captured some of the greatest performances in American cinema: Al Pacino as Sonny Wortzik in "Dog Day Afternoon," Peter Finch as Howard Beale in "Network," Paul Newman

as Frank Galvin in "The Verdict."

His actors, with whom he always rehearsed for at least two weeks before starting production, were nominated for 17 Oscars for their performances in his films; several, including Faye Dunaway and Ingrid Bergman, won. The director was, in four nominations, always shut out until he was given a lifetime achievement award in 2005.

"I guess I'd like to thank the movies," the director said in accepting the award.

Lumet, 86, died early Saturday in his Manhattan home after suffering from lymphoma. He was always closely associated with New York, where he shot many of his films, working far from Hollywood.

The city was frequently a character in its own right in his films, from the crowds chanting "Attica!" on the hot city streets of "Dog Day Afternoon" to the hard lives and corruptibility of New York police officers in "Serpico," "Prince of the City" and "Q&A."

Mayor Michael Bloomberg called Lumet "one of the great chroniclers of our city." □

The Judds let the secrets fly in TV documentary

By Vernell Hackett
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tennessee – Wynonna Judd grew up in front of her fans as half of the country singing duo The Judds. Now she and her mother, Naomi, are revealing some of their secrets on television in a documentary on Oprah Winfrey's OWN network.

"I hope this show can be a testimony to what happens when you are ready to show up and roll your sleeves up, and get real and let secrets fly and lift the veil and be known," Wynonna Judd told AP.

The six-part series, starting on Sunday, was filmed as the sometimes warring duo teamed up in 2010 for their first concert tour together in 10 years.

The mother-daughter duo had no creative



The Judds, Wynonna Judd and Naomi Judd arrive at the 46th annual Academy of Country Music Awards in Las Vegas.

control over the series. "We had to allow them to take us for who we are, and boy did they! I know there are going to be moments where the viewers will say they can relate to me or my mom," Wynonna said. □

In New York City

Famed tenor delivers high Cs and baby



Peruvian opera tenor Juan Diego Florez kisses his wife, Australian Julia Trappe Florez, after their wedding in Lima, Peru.

By VERENA DOBNIK
Associated Press

NEW YORK – Tenor Juan Diego Florez has really delivered: a host of high Cs to a worldwide audience of millions and minutes earlier, his own baby boy in New York City.

Florez helped two midwives in the birth of his son, Lean-

dro Florez, at 12:25 p.m. Saturday. The tenor had stayed up all night with his wife, Julia, after she went into labor at their rented apartment on Manhattan's Upper West Side. While the couple awaited the

birth of their first child, the world waited for the 38-year-old Peruvian to sing the tenor lead in Rossini's comic opera "Le Comte Ory" at the nearby Metropolitan Opera starting at 1 p.m. □

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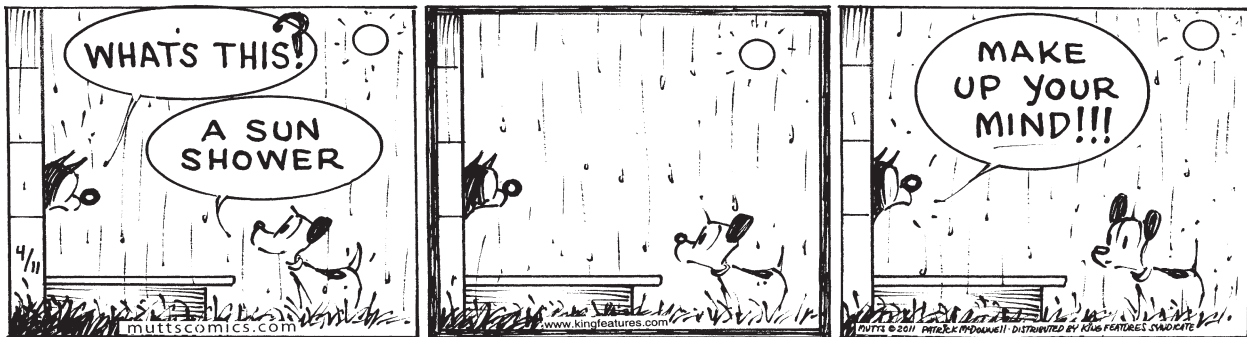
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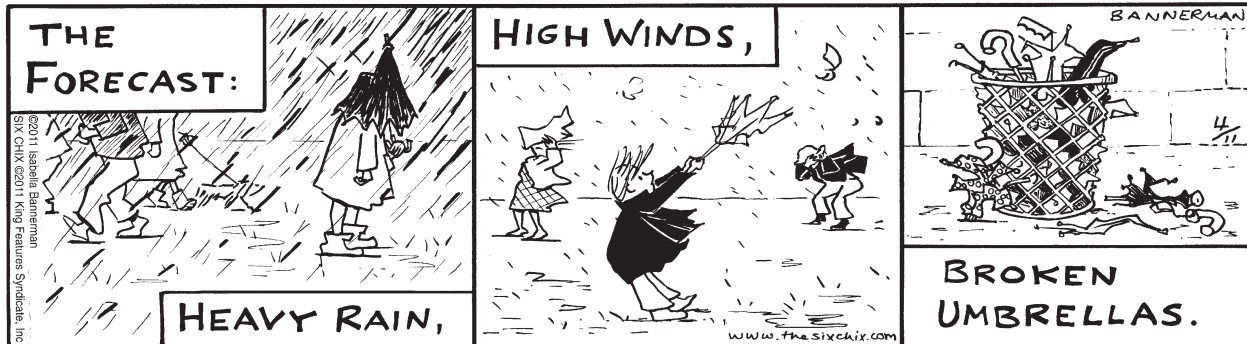
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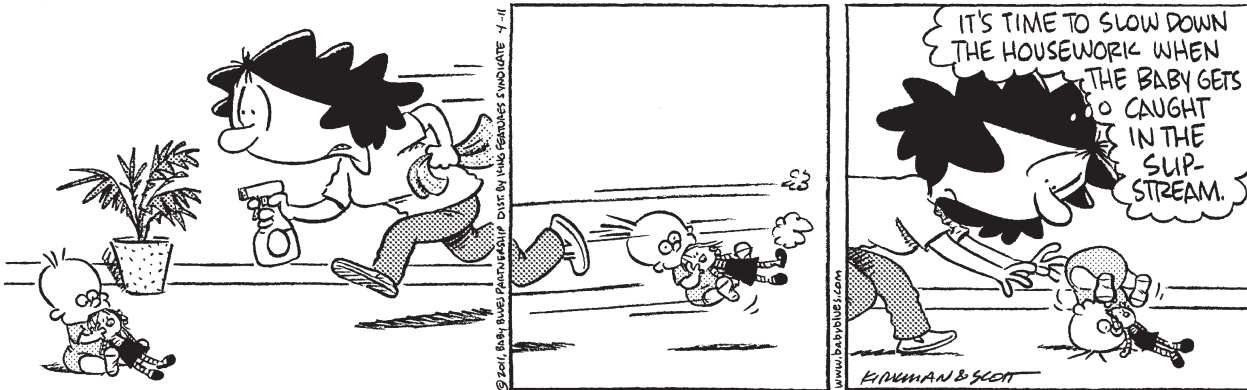
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Baby Blues



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Conceptis Sudoku

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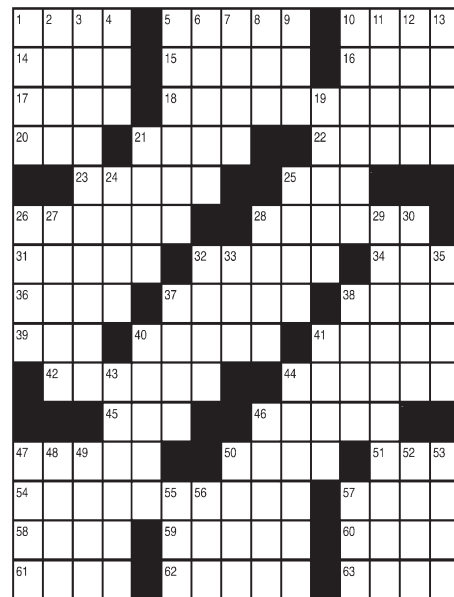
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

6	1	2	8	3	4	9	7	5
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4	7	1	3	2	6	8	5	9

ACROSS

- Japanese martial art
- Row of shrubs
- Flew the coop
- Once again
- To no __; fruitlessly
- "Hey! What's the big __?"
- Windy day toy
- Pinkie's neighbor
- Greek letter
- Robust
- Requires
- Uncouth
- Automobile
- Significant __; mates
- Christmas tree decoration
- Carrying a gun
- Piece of china
- Zero
- Kernel
- Like a stew with plenty of meat
- Gospel writer
- Four and six
- Special goody
- Subdues
- Window washer's bane
- Not naked
- Finish
- Food chopper
- Cowboy's rope
- Audible breath of relief
- Affirmative vote
- Entwine
- Flower stalk
- Shortly
- Book of maps
- Steer's place
- Engrossed
- Fragrance
- Notice



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Saturday's Puzzle Solved

LEG	AUDIT	DUST
EARL	STARE	INCA
TREE	PITON	ADAM
SWAZI	LAND	DOME
FORE	EYE	
URBANE	DYNAMISM	
MERGE	TRACK	DOE
BLUE	CHEWY	BOAS
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USER	SPEARMINT	
PUMA	MIDST	FIAT
OMIT	ANGEL	FLUE
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DOWN

- TV's "___ and the Fatman"
- College credit
- Aloofness
- Be obligated
- Pester
- Perversities
- Copenhagener
- Musician's stint
- One of Santa's little helpers
- Cruise ships
- On __; nervous
- Nourish
- Paving liquids
- Ridiculous
- Difficult
- Marsh grass
- Metropolis
- Drying oven
- Poem by Joyce Kilmer
- Pres. William Howard __
- Lists one by one
- Compare
- Quick look
- Meadowland
- In case
- Paper fastener made of metal
- Bridal veil material
- Singing voice
- Computer fixer, for short
- Feel bitter about
- "Reader's __"; magazine title
- Large couch
- Fib teller
- Actress Paquin
- Halt
- On __; offered at a lower price
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- TV show award
- Existed
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Dominicana: Primera dama aspira a la presidencia

REPUBLICA DOMINICANA (AP) - La primera dama Margarita Cedeño se inscribió como precandidata del gobernante Partido de la Liberación Dominicana (PLD) para los comicios presidenciales de mayo del 2012.

El PLD formalizó las precandidaturas el domingo en una reunión del Comité Central de ese colectivo, encabezada a puerta cerrada por su máximo líder y presidente de la República, Leonel Fernández.

Es la primera vez que una primera dama contendrá por una candidatura presidencial. Cedeño, una abogada de 45 años, se enfrentará el 26 de junio en los comicios internos del PLD a otros seis precandidatos, anunció el domingo el secretario general del partido Reinaldo Pared Pérez.

Entre los aspirantes a la candidatura están el ex ministro de la Presidencia y ex candidato presidencial Danilo Medina, el actual vicepresidente Rafael Alburquerque y otros cuatro ex miembros del gabinete de gobierno.

Fernández, quien la noche del viernes declinó postularse para su cuarto periodo de gobierno, se ha abstenido de referirse públicamente a la nominación de su esposa, quien tampoco ha hablado del tema, pese a la proliferación de propaganda política que promueve su candidatura.

Con lemas como "Este es el momento de Margarita, 2012-2016" "A falta de un León (como es conocido Fernández), una margarita" o "Llegó mamá", la imagen de la primera dama es promovida en anuncios panorámicos, en la prensa, internet, radio y televisión.

La propaganda a favor de Cedeño creció de forma paralela a la campaña que promovía la repostulación de Fernández, quien para presentar su candidatura hubiese necesitado reformar la constitución que entró en vigencia el 26 de enero del 2010.

Fernández, de 57 años, anunció el viernes en una cadena de radio y televisión que no trataría de reelegirse y garantizó que mantendría un "rol de neutralidad" en la contienda interna del PLD.

Aunque Cedeño no estuvo presente en la reunión del domingo, ya que no forma parte del Comité Central del PLD, su precandidatura fue presentada por la ministra de educación superior y dirigente de ese partido, Ligia Amada Melo.

La primera dama obtuvo en 2010 una maestría en políticas para el desarrollo de la Universidad de Salamanca y en 2009 fue designada como embajadora extraordinaria de la Organización para la Alimentación y Agricultura de Naciones Unidas.

Cedeño y Fernández contrajeron nupcias en 2003, antes de que el mandatario asumiera su segundo gobierno, y son padres de una niña. La primera dama tiene otros dos hijos de un matrimonio previo a su casamiento con Fernández. El vencedor de los comicios internos del PLD se enfrentará al ex presidente Hipólito Mejía (2000-2004), del opositor Partido Revolucionario Dominicano (PRD) en las elecciones presidenciales del tercer domingo de mayo del 2012. □



Según sondeos

Humala gana primera vuelta presidencial en Perú

LIMA (AP) - El militar retirado de izquierda Ollanta Humala habría ganado el domingo las elecciones presidenciales de Perú, según sondeos a boca de urna, pero tendría que disputar un balotaje con la hija del ex presidente Alberto Fujimori.

Humala, que cosecha el apoyo de los pobres frustrados por no gozar del auge de la boyante economía peruana, habría obtenido entre el 31,6 y el 33,8 por ciento de los votos según las tres encuestas a boca de urna de CPI, Ipsos y Datum.

La legisladora Keiko Fujimori -hija del arrestado ex presidente Fujimori- se encaminaba, con base a estos sondeos, a una segunda vuelta con entre 21,3 y 22 por ciento de los votos, seguida muy de cerca por el economista Pedro Pablo Kuczynski.

En esta foto simpatizantes del candidato de izquierda Ollanta Humala, gritan consignas afuera de la sede principal del partido, después del cierre de las elecciones presidenciales en Lima, Perú, este domingo 10 de abril, 2011. (AP Photo/Martin Mejia). □

Chávez y Santos firman 16 acuerdos



COLOMBIA (AP) - Durante su visita a la histórica ciudad de Cartagena de Indias, el presidente de Venezuela, Hugo Chávez, afianzó con su similar de Colombia, Juan Manuel Santos, el proceso de

consolidación de sus relaciones comerciales.

Los mandatarios decidieron prorrogar el acuerdo comercial vigente en la Comunidad Andina, pese a la salida venezolana del organismo, y la

firma de 16 acuerdos.

Además de firmar 16 acuerdos relativos a seguridad, lucha contra el narcotráfico, infraestructuras y producción de alimentos y medicamentos, ambos acordaron el sábado prorrogar temporalmente el acuerdo comercial que ha venido rigiendo en el marco de la CAN, organismo regional del que Venezuela saldrá definitivamente el próximo 21 de abril y que contemplaba preferencias arancelarias.

En esta foto el presidente Chávez, a la izquierda, y el presidente Santos de Colombia, posan durante una ceremonia de bienvenida en la casa oficial de huésped en Cartagena, Colombia, el sábado 9 de abril, 2011. (AP Photo/William Fernando Martinez). □

Ataque deja seis muertos y dos heridos en El Salvador

EL SALVADOR (AP) - La policía investigaba el domingo el ataque a balazos por parte de desconocidos contra un grupo de personas que dejó al menos seis muertos y dos heridos en un poblado de la periferia sur de la capital salvadoreña.

El director de la policía nacional civil, comisionado Carlos Ascencio informó el domingo que el incidente ocurrió la noche del sábado y según las primeras versiones las víctimas fueron atacadas con armas de calibre 9 milímetros cuando estaban reunidos cerca de una tienda.

Al menos cuatro personas murieron en el lugar, dos más en centros asistenciales y al menos otras dos están lesionadas. Las edades de las víctimas rondan entre los 14 y 60 años. La policía inició las investigaciones del caso, aseguró Ascencio.

El ataque ocurrió en el cantón Quezalapa, localidad de Panchimalco, a unos 20 kilómetros al sur de la capital.

Se desconoce si las víctimas estarían relacionadas con las pandillas, conocidas en la región como "Maras", que han estado involucradas en los últimos años en masacres, hechos delictivos, extorsiones, asesinatos de comerciantes y empresarios de autobuses. Las pandillas salvadoreñas cuentan con unos 21.000 integrantes, de los cuales cerca de 8.000 están presos, según estimaciones de la policía. □

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